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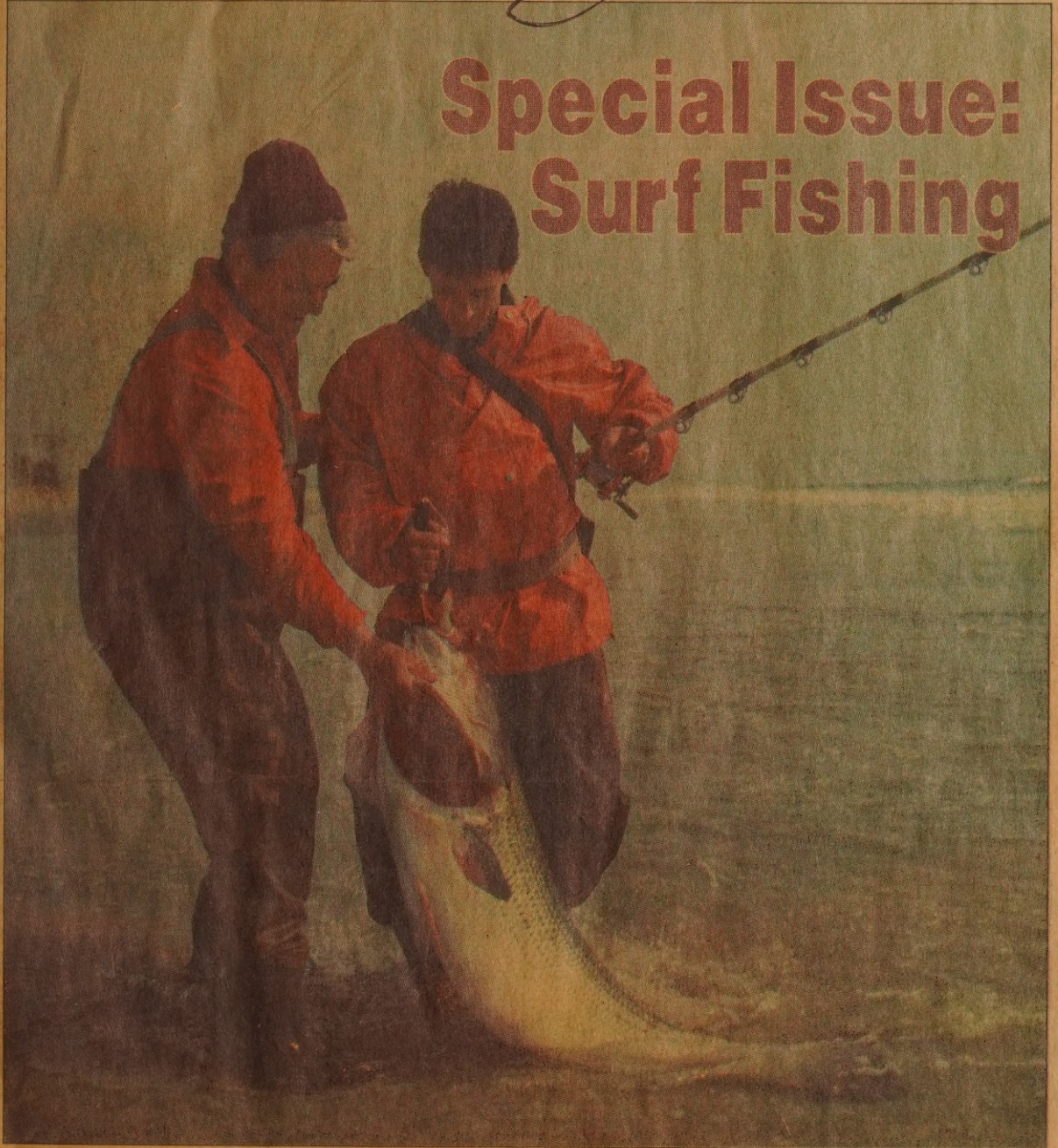


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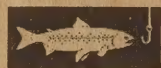


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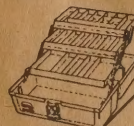
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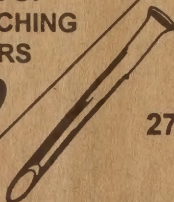


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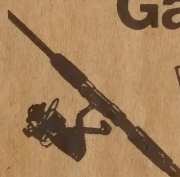
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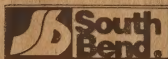
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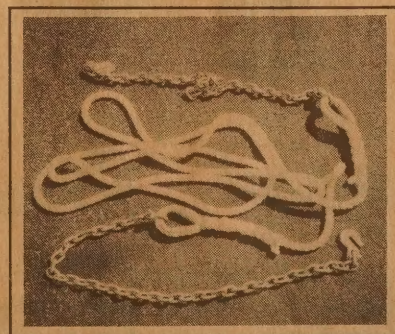
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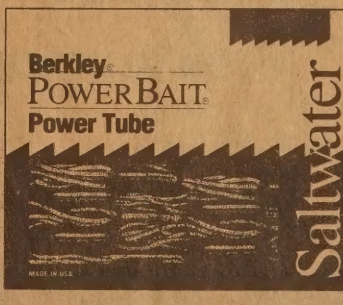
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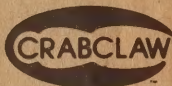


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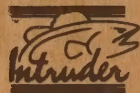
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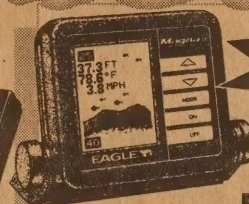
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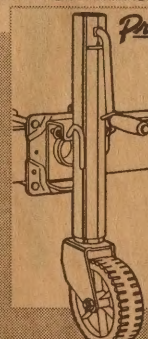
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We are a south shore based club that currently holds our regular meetings on the third Thursday of each month at Marjory Post Park in Massapequa. At this point in time we would like to increase our membership with the addition of a few good fishermen. Though many of our members own small boats from which much of our fishing is done, by no means is it necessary to be a boat owner to join. Anyone wishing to fish and participate in the activities of the club can benefit from joining at this time. Because the season is half over, a special half price for annual dues will be in effect as has been done for others who have joined midway through the season.

For more detailed information please feel free to call either Tom Brown at (516) 767-0648 or Tom Wisniewski at (516) 799-4014. Make the call and ask about our club. You may find that we are just what you need to heighten the enjoyment you already get from this wonderful sport of recreational fishing that we all share.

New Surf Club Open House

The Rockaway Surf Anglers Association has recently elected its officers. They are as follows: Gene McHugh, president; Ed Cramsie, vice president; Mike Wilson, recording secretary and treasurer.

We will be holding an open house meeting on September 2, 1993, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the Chapel, Gateway Breezy Point District, Rockaway.

There will be a showing and demonstration of products by manufacturers of custom plugs, rod builders and surf gear.

There will also be enrollment of anyone wishing to become a member of the club. For information and directions, contact Gene McHugh, (718) 318-5657.

Boating Safety Course

Flotilla 19-04 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will present a course in Boating

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Helen Keller Fishing Club

The Helen Keller Fishing Club, organized in 1949, is known to be the only deep-sea fishing club in the United States, if not the world, for blind, deaf-blind and visually impaired men and women. Its members, residing in the counties of Manhattan and Brooklyn, are currently seeking men or women volunteer drivers from those counties to transport them and accompany them to fishing boats in the Brooklyn and Long Island ports. Drivers fish without cost. If you would like to assist, or know of a blind individual who might be interested in joining the club, kindly contact Mr. Walter Bach at Helen Keller Services for the Blind at (718) 522-2122, ext. 265, for further information.

Tobay In-Water Boat Show

In keeping with Long Island's nautical tradition of going "down to the sea in ships," the New York Marine Trades Association (NYMTA) has set the dates for its 17th annual In-Water Boat Show, which is one of the largest boat shows of its kind on the East Coast.

According to Gould A. Ryder, NYMTA president, the event will be held on the first two weekends in October — October 1 through 3 and October 9 through 11 — at the Tobay Beach Marina, which is located off Ocean Parkway just east of Jones Beach.

"Our In-Water Boat Show attracts thousands of people from Long Island, the New York metropolitan area, southern Connecticut and northern New Jersey," Mr. Ryder said, "because of the huge variety of boats displayed each year. The in-water and on-land displays of boats, nautical equipment and other attractions offers something for every taste and budget."

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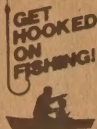


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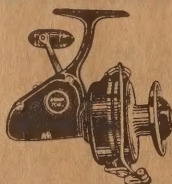
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The New York Marine Trades Association, founded in 1928, represents marina and boat yard operators and marine accessory retailers on Long Island and in the metropolitan area.

Fishing For Fluke Updated Edition

Fishing For Fluke by Don Kamienski is a comprehensive guide to catching summer flounder packed with tips and methods to catch these popular game fish along the East Coast from Massachusetts to Florida.

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Port Jeff Yacht Club Fishing Contest

The first annual Port Jefferson Yacht Club Fishing Contest was held on the weekend of July 23, 24 and 25. The weather was great and contestants found marauding blues blitzing through the Sound! Greg Aymong, the contest chairman, reports that this, plus the determination of the diehard fishermen, combined to make the contest a fun-filled success.

The contest, held in cooperation with Carafis Fishing Station, was an exciting event for all participants and their families. The contest was cosponsored by B&M Office Supply, East Coast Filter Sales, Dave and Anne Geller, Highland Tank and Manufacturing Co., Mason Industries, Small Business Computing, Inc., Bill and Joan Smith, Stony Books and Unique Corvettes. All proceeds from the contest benefiting the PJYC Club House.

The object of the contest was to catch the biggest bluefish. A total of 27 contestants entered the contest. The contest was open to both club members and non-members. Fishing was restricted to private boats working the waters between Mt. Sinai Harbor and Nissequogue River.

Three big prizes were awarded to the winners. First place of a \$250 Carafits Gift Certificate was awarded to Barry Ascher of East Setauket. Barry's 14¾-pound bluefish couldn't resist the live bunker that was fished a few thousand yards from the PJYC Club House. So much for running all over the Sound looking for those lunkers! Hat's off to Barry!

Second place of a \$100 Carafits Gift Certificate went to Sal Pietro of Stony Brook. Sal trolled with an umbrella rig in the Sound to land his 10-pounder.

Tom Dieterich took third place, which was a combination rod and reel. Tom, Greg Aymong's brother-in-law, also worked a trolled umbrella rig to bring in his 9½-pounder. Tom and Greg worked their boats, Tom Cat and Miss Jackie, off of Nissequogue River in a trolling pattern that was irresistible to this big blue!

On Sunday a party with hot dogs, burgers, salads, munchies and Lisa Aymong's famous three alarm chili preceded the awards ceremony at the Port Jefferson Yacht Club. Dave Mann and his wife were the lucky winners of the bonus raffle drawing of a \$50 Macy's gift certificate.

Contest chairman Greg Aymong and vice commodore Bill Smith are already planning for next year's Port Jefferson Yacht Club Fishing Contest. We're sure it will be bigger and better than ever!

Johnson's Bill To Clean Up Combined Sewers Passes Senate

State Senator Owen H. Johnson (Fourth Senate District, Babylon), chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on the Long Island Marine District, announced Senate passage of his bill to abate New York City's combined sewer overflows, also known as CSOs. These combined sewers are a major source of pollutants to the state's marine waters, particularly the Long Island Sound and the Hudson Estuary, and also the source of floatable marine debris to Long Island beaches.

Combined sewers are common in older cities throughout the country. The combined sewer system is one that collects and transports domestic wastewater and stormwater runoff to sewage treatment plants. When it rains, the flows from these sewers can exceed the treatment plant capacity, causing an overflow of both sewage and stormwater into our marine environment. Senator Johnson's bill will require New York City to abate 75 percent of all City-generated floatables from CSOs by January 1, 2000.

New York City officials have signed a legal consent order with the New York



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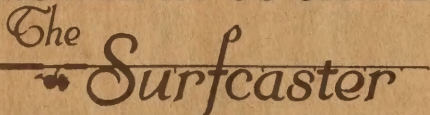
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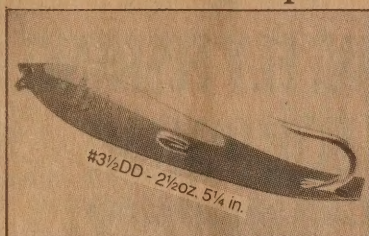
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State Department of Environmental Conservation to begin abatement of CSOs. However, the requirements for specific actions that the City must take and dates for compliance contained in that consent order are vague. The Johnson bill sets definite dates and deadlines for compliance. In the past, consent orders signed between the City and State have been inadequate and have resulted in the continual pollution of our marine waters. Senator Johnson stated, "New York City has had sufficient time to address C50 abatement. It's time to take cleanup of our marine waters seriously and make a real effort to meet the milestones outlined in my bill."

Stiff penalties will be meted out, should the City not comply. All fines (which reach up to \$25,000 per day) will be placed in a "Clean Harbor Fund" created under the Senator's bill. If the City refuses to meet its commitment to clean up the waters around it, the state will use the fines to start the process the city should have completed long ago. "Should the state fail to enforce the provisions of this act, Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester Counties are empowered to compel enforcement. Long Island beaches were ruined during the severe washups of floatable marine debris during the summers of 1988 and 1989, and the loss of tourism and recreation on Long Island was substantial. The City has not taken much action since then to correct the problem. This measure will force the City to act," Senator Johnson stated.

Now that the bill has been passed by the Senate, the state Assembly must take action before the bill can be sent to the Governor. "I urge all Long Islanders to contact their Assemblyperson to urge passage of my bill," Senator Johnson said. "In this way, Long Island beaches will no longer suffer the burden of New York City pollution."

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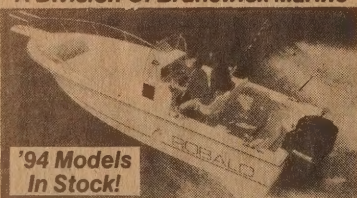
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Edited By Dusty Rhodes

That nothing changes in the surf is a popular belief. The rejection of that notion by seasoned surfcasters underlines the subtle aspects of life in the ocean shallows. Baitfish aren't always where you expect them and predators have a maddening habit of shunning your favorite hot spot every now and again. It's not surprising, therefore, that new surf products appear every year. Manufacturers know that prowling jetty jocks and those waist deep in the wash are always seeking tools to help perfect their art. With that thought in mind, take a gander at this array of dandy surf equipment uncovered by yours truly at the recent tackle trade show in Las Vegas.

G. Loomis Surf Rods. An established manufacturer of the highest quality graphite rods, G. Loomis introduced three surf rods into its 1994 lineup. That in itself is great news for surfcasters who seek the finest tools for coaxing brawny fish from the wash. But even more important is the graphite G. Loomis uses in its rods.

An entirely new graphite developed especially for rod building, the basic material has significantly improved elongation, the ability to withstand stress when bent into an arc. The result is lighter yet stronger blanks. For those of you who are technically minded, the outer edge of an arc experiences the most stress (elongates most). Thus, a graphite which has improved elongation characteristics will deliver greater lifting and fish-controlling power than other graphites. This is critical, because as a G. Loomis spokesperson explained, until the development of this

new graphite, all rod manufacturers, even G. Loomis, had to apply graphite developed for other purposes.

This brand-new series includes an 8 1/2-foot rod rated for 10 to 30-pound line and lures weighing 3/8 to 1 1/2 ounces. This light yet powerful two-piece rod weighs a mere 6.25 ounces and has an extra-fast action.

Two 10 1/2-foot two-piece rods complete the series. The lighter of the two weighs just 7.65 ounces, has a fast action and handles lines of 10 to 30-pound test and lures of 1/2 to 2 1/2 ounces. Its companion 10 1/2-footer is a bit huskier in its performance capability yet weighs just 7.95 ounces. This fast action rod is rated for line of 15 to 40-pound test and lures spanning 1 to 4 ounces in weight.

At the leading edge of rod technology, these surf rods load and unload fast to produce longer casts with less effort. Designed with a dark blue matte finish, the rods have finest grade specie cork grips and full-size reel seats.

Included in the G. Loomis lineup are long wands usually associated with shoreline fishing of a sweetwater nature. Nevertheless, for light surf angling or action in the venue for which the rods were intended, G. Loomis offers a variety of opportunity.

New for 1994 are seven salmon-steel-head casting rods constructed of the same graphite used in the surf rods mentioned above. Ranging in length from 8 1/2 feet to 11 feet, 4 inches. Capable of handling line weight of 8 to 12-pound test (at the light end) to 10 to 40-pound test (on the high end), four of these rods feature fast action while three are rated as moderate. Depending on the model, lure weights from a low of 3/8 ounces to a high of 8 ounces can be tossed.



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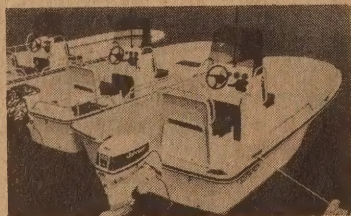
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Penn 706Z. An old surfcaster's favorite, the Spinfisher 706Z, has returned to its rightful place in the wash. The trademark feature on this no nonsense, workhorse of a spinning reel is a manual pickup for simple, trouble free operation. No bail to bend or fail!

Penn's 706 series was always most popular with surf fishermen and some boat fishermen, rugged individualists who preferred uncomplicated, effective equipment to get the job done. While it requires some manual dexterity to operate a manual pickup, its a small price to pay for owning a dependable, rugged internal spool reel.

When striped bass fishing began to decline more than a decade ago, orders for the 706 series began to taper off, and Penn discontinued the reel. After a few years, however, the 706 series became a coveted tackle item and even a cult reel, especially for surf fishermen along the Northeast coast.

Above the roar of the surf, the clamor for a new 706 was heard by Penn Tackle which decided to re-introduce the 706Z, along with a parcel of improvements, to make a classic favorite even better. I had my first glimpse of this classic at the Penn booth in Las Vegas, and I can't wait to try one in the wash.

The old style 706Z, and its green predecessor, the 706 Spinfisher, was a simplistic design that minimized failures in the harsh surf. Penn faithfully incorporated the same design, but added some improvements for the surf angler of the 90s. For example, surf anglers demand a wide spool, since each loop of line going off the spool during a cast is longer, translating into extra distance. Not surprisingly, the new 706Z sports an extra-wide spool, a full three inches in diameter.

In addition to a stainless steel main shaft, a bronze main gear and a stainless steel pinion gear, the present 706Z features a newly designed gold anodized spool machined from solid bar stock aluminum. Of course, the 706Z also includes Penn's proven, dependable HT 100 drag system for smooth, trouble free performance in the wash.

Instead of one ball bearing, the new 706Z now contains three stainless steel ball bearings, including the all-important roller bearing in the manual pickup assembly. The die cast aluminum housing and rotor are anodized and enamel painted. Plus, the rotor contains a series of drain holes to flush out the water from those waves that always seem to sneak up on you. As a final touch, Penn brought back the round, *coffee grinder* handle on the 706Z, in the perfect size and shape for retrieving plugs and eels.

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Lamiglas Saltwater Rods. Lamiglas has offered a great line of fiber glass saltwater rods for several years. And now, for 1994, it introduced a 15-rod series of graphite saltwater spinning and casting rods for surf, boat, pier and jetty fishing. These rods all feature newly designed, state-of-the-art Lamiglas graphite blanks that utilize high quality hardloy and aluminum oxide tops and guides, graphite reel-seats and synthetic or cork tape grips.

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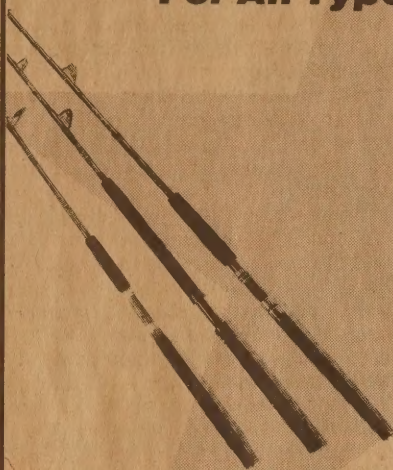
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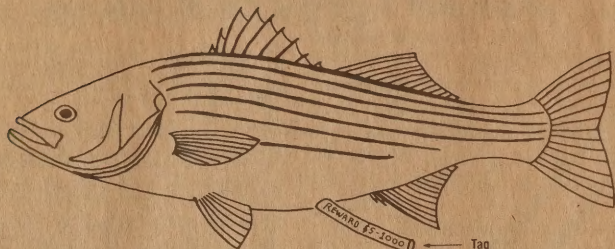
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Hildebrandt's New Solo Spoon

The new Solo Spoon from Hildebrandt, the legendary lure company that's been fooling fish since 1899, is the effective answer for catching fresh and saltwater game fish in heavy weeds and cover. Its durable construction and lifelike wobbling action make it ideal for redfish, seatrout, small and largemouth bass, and many other game fish.

Freshwater anglers have discovered the Solo Spoon to be effective when cast and retrieved through heavy grass and weeds. With its built-in silicone rubber trailer, it makes an enticing meal for most freshwater species. It's also deadly when fished with a pork rind or plastic worm teaser. Saltwater anglers retrieve the Solo Spoon through the flats and grassy areas to land redfish, bluefish and other fighting game fish.

The Solo Spoon is a ruggedly constructed three-eighths-ounce solid brass spoon available in bright nickel or 24-karat gold plated finish. The extra strong Mustad hook and quality wire weedguard make this spoon a must for every tackle box.

For more information about the new Solo Spoon, or any of the other fine Hildebrandt fishing lures and spinnerbaits, contact Hildebrandt Corporation, P.O. Box 50, Dept. P, Logansport, IN 46947, (219) 722-4455.

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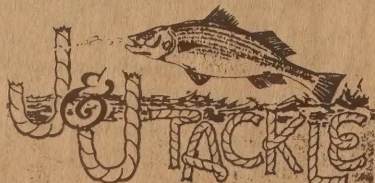


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For more information, write Si-Tex, P.O. Box 6700, Clearwater, FL 34618.

New Hildebrandt Tin Dandy

Hildebrandt, the legendary lure company that's been fooling fish since 1899, has recently introduced the new Tin Dandy, a revolutionary spinnerbait that bass, trout, crappie and other freshwater game fish can't resist. The Tin Dandy is not only effective, it's environmentally preferred due to its pure tin construction.

As the name suggests, the Tin Dandy is an ultralight offset spinnerbait that is made of pure tin, so it won't corrode in water as easily as most lures. And because tin is stronger than lead, it will hold up to even the biggest largemouth or monster trout.

The new Tin Dandy is available in two fish catching sizes (model TD14, one-quarter ounce; model TD16, one-sixth ounce), with 18 colorful skirts to choose from. With this selection, there's a Tin Dandy to suit every kind of fishing situation. Both models feature a Colorado style blade in front and a Willow Leaf blade in back, and each is available in bright nickel or 24-karat gold plated finish.

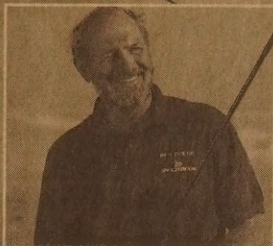
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Regulator Marine Unveils New Regulator 23

Regulator Marine introduced the latest in its line of offshore sport fishing boats, the Regulator 23, at the Annapolis Powerboat Show, October 15-18, 1992. Like its sister ships, the Regulator 26 and the Regulator Express, the new 23 has been designed as a deep V hull, has a 48-degree entry at the bow and 24-degree dead rise at the transom. As with both 26 foot models, the 23's performance is enhanced by enlarged down turned chines.

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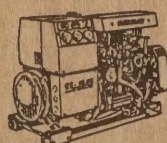
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The liner is cored with three-quarter-inch Baltek, sandwiched between layers of chopped strand fiber glass. The deck follows the same laminate schedule with the exclusion of the Baltek, which is replaced by half-inch plywood. The deck is through-bolted to the liner and hull with 10/24 stainless steel screws with elastic stop nuts on eight-inch centers and further bonded to the hull with a polyurethane adhesive.

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New Three-Blade Stainless Prop For Bravo Two Now Available

A new high-performance, stainless steel propeller has been specifically developed for Mercruiser Bravo Two applications.

The newly designed Cyclone III is a three-blade, thru-hub, round-ear propeller from Mach Performance and the "high-tech" Garbrecht racing family. It effectively lifts boats to new levels of performance and durability that stainless steel typically provides. Noticeable performance gains include the fact that it won't break loose in turns, and there is no reverse cavitation.

Other immediate performance benefits include "rocket-like" hole-shots, improved top-end speed, improved fuel economy and smoother operation.

The three-blade propeller is available in either right or left-hand rotation. Cyclone III has standard pitch sizes ranging from 11 inches to 29 inches. Because Cyclone III models are direct factory replacements, diameters vary to match those of the originals.

From Mach Performance, Inc., P.O. Box 7, 4709 Crump Road, Lake Hamilton, FL 33851.

New Non-Permanent Fuel Tank Features Self-Venting Fuel Gauge Cap

A new durable, lightweight fuel tank has been introduced for non-permanent installations, with applications for a broad segment of the boating public. It can be used with virtually any engine or fuel currently on the market.

The new non-permanent fuel tank from Moeller Marine Products is made of rotationally molded, cross-linked high density polyethylene plastic, which won't rust, corrode or need painting. It measures 18 inches long by 12 inches high by six inches deep and holds 12 gallons. The overall height, to the top of the filler neck, is 15½ inches.

Deep bracket pockets are molded into the sides, to facilitate installation when using optional hold down brackets. A standard thread, all-aluminum, 90-degree elbow on top of the tank fits standard fuel line connectors.

The tank's self-venting cap features a built-in fuel gauge that eliminates the need to purchase an additional gauge or run wires for it. Simply fill then tank and go.

From Moeller Marine Products, 850 Springfield Highway, Goodlettsville, TN 37072.

New Saltwater Wire Line

A manufacturer of marine electrical products has introduced a new product line, called "Saltwater Wire." It was specifically designed for use in coastal boat applications, by Marincos based in Novato, Calif.

People who live in coastal regions of the country know how quickly the salty atmosphere attacks metal — especially exposed copper. The harsh marine environment corrodes bare copper wire much faster than tin-plated copper wire.

The new Saltwater Wire line consists of about 200 items, including 80 varieties of spooled wire in different gauges and colors. The line, including the tinned copper wire, is used by boat builders. Mini spools for both dealers and consumers are also available. The wire is ideal for use when adding DC accessories or replacing cor-

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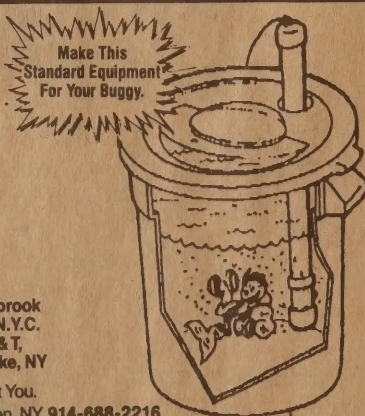
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Sure, they're called Pork Rind and Pork Strips, but it's pigskin nevertheless. But when Uncle Josh is finished with them, they're highly effective and amazingly tough fish catchers.

Pork Strips. I no longer leave the launching ramp without several jars of Pork Strips on board. These assorted enticers have proven their worth with fluke (summer flounder), weakfish, bluefish, cod, school tuna and striped bass. Even billfish! And anglers working more southern climes than I'm used to fishing assure me that Pork Strips do a job on redfish, pompano and seatrout.

Freshwater anglers are no stranger to these baits. Fish like trout, bass, walleye, muskie and northern pike have also shown a proclivity for Pork Strips.

Quite An Assortment. Fourteen varieties of Pork Strips are offered by Uncle Josh. Here's a rundown on them.

Strippers And Such. Saltwater anglers fond of casting bucktails, tin squids and similar lures find interest in the Bass Strip, a 4-inch forked-tail fish catcher; the Stripper Split Tail, a 5-inch model with two tantalizing tails which flutter in a current; the Stripper and Muskie Strip, a 5 1/4 inch model especially designed for use as a trailer on bucktails, tin squids, jigs, spoons and spinnerbaits; the Stripper Hook Strip, a 5 1/4 inch bamboozler with a 3/0 Mustad O'Shaughnessy stainless steel forged tail hook; the Hook Strip, a slightly split tail model at 4 inches in length also with a 3/0 Mustad O'Shaughnessy hook for short strikers.

Not to be overlooked is the king size Stripper Hook Strip, a 4 3/4 inch split tail pork strip which is double folded for twice the strength when trophy linesiders are sought. It carries a 5/0 Mustad O'Shaughnessy stainless steel forged hook in its tail.

Smaller Strips. For smaller fish, Uncle Josh offers the Spin Tail, a 2 1/4 inch thin rind with high cut legs that create a lively, fluttering action; the Spinning Strip, a 2 1/4 inch dandy with a 1 1/2 inch split tail for coaxing smaller marine species like weakies and seatrout. Especially interesting is the Pork Skirt, a 3-inch thin, dancing rind with five legs that's designed for bass,

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Offshore Strips. Contrasting with the small strips is the Offshore Big Boy, a 10-inch whooper ideal for billfish. Uncle Josh says this long, thin rind is very flexible, active and virtually indestructible.

Ripple Rind. One of my favorites, especially when fluke and weakfish are targeted, is this rippling, twisting, undulating strip that actually swims when brought through the water. It comes in three sizes: 2½ inches by 1¼ inch, 4 inches by 3/8 inch and 5 inches by 1/2 inch.

Very Little Strips. For anglers into very light tackle and small fish as well as fly fishing, Uncle Josh offers three teenie rinds: the Fly Strip, a 1½ inch fingerling which works as a teaser-trailer on nymphs, wet flies, poppers, streamers, spoons and spinners; Fly Flicks, the tiniest pork rind, a 1/2-inch strip for panfish, trout, salmon, bass, shad, pompano, and small channel bass; the Little Vee, a 3/4-inch forked-tail midget for snapper blues to bluegills.

Many Colors. Pork Strips are available in a variety of colors, 18 in fact. Among them are my favorites: black, white and yellow.

Manufactured by: Uncle Josh bait Company, P.O. Box 130, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538-0130.

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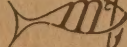
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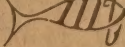
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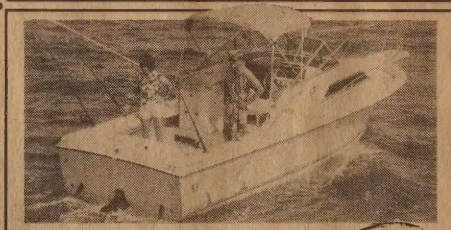


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Suzuki's V-6 outboards incorporate today's most effective corrosion-fighting features to combat the effects of salt water. Suzuki's advanced corrosion fighting system begins with high grade aluminum alloy, and incorporates an extensive four-step finishing process, sacrificial zinc anodes with bonding wires (both outside and inside the engine, including inside the cooling system) and tough, stainless steel water pump housings for even more protection. In addition, the one-piece engine hood and baffled air induction system on the V-6 models effectively seal the power head from water.

Another important feature on the V-6 series is dual water intakes. If one of the cooling water intakes becomes blocked by plastic bags, vegetation or other obstructions, the secondary intake continues to operate and cool the engine.

Suzuki was the first company to introduce oil injection to outboards, and all Suzuki V-6 models offer this important feature. Suzuki's exclusive system provides maximum response and exact oil/gas mix at all speeds. To optimize the oil/fuel mixture, the oil is gear driven from the crankshaft, resulting in quicker throttle response time — even when towing heavy loads. There is also less exhaust smoke, smoother idling, less carbon deposits, longer spark plug life and more power per engine stroke.

To save space aboard your boat, each V-6 model comes equipped with an easy-to-fill, water-tight 8.5 liter oil reservoir built right into the engine.

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Suzuki offers a three-year limited warranty on all its V-6 engines, the longest factory-backed warranty in the industry. Also available is the optional Suzuki Extended Protection Plan, which provides an additional three years of coverage, for a total of six years of protection.

For more information, contact Suzuki Marine, 3251 East Imperial Highway, Dept. P, Brea, CA 92621, (714) 996-7040.

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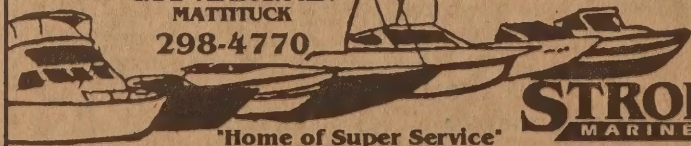
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By Fred Golofaro

Thanks For Send-A-Kid

Dear Mr. Golofaro,

The Town of Oyster Bay's Group Activities Program for the Handicapped participated in the "Send-A-Kid Fishing" program on Wednesday, July 21. Our group of 30 enjoyed an afternoon on the Shearwater.

We wanted you to know what a terrific experience it was for our developmentally disabled residents. They had a wonderful time; indeed, they consider that trip to be the highlight of their summer vacation. Most of our participants had never had the opportunity to fish before.

On behalf of the Town of Oyster Bay Department of Community and Youth Services, we extend our sincere appreciation to the Long Island Fisherman and to Big Brothers/Big Sisters for making this day possible.

Peter J. Schmitt, Commissioner
Christine K. Gill, C.S.W.,
Director Handicapped Services

Dear Peter and Christine,

Make no mistake about it, it's our many readers who contribute to Send-A-Kid Fishing that made your trip possible. We're glad to have helped give your charges such a memorable experience.

On The Subject Of Fishing Reports

Dear Mr. Golofaro,

This letter has to do with misleading information. In Jerry Kenney's (Newsday) July 30, 1993 article on the fishing scene he stated (among other things), that night bluefishing was excellent out of Sheepshead Bay with just about everybody limit-

ing out on their catches all week. Arriving at the boats, I spoke to a few captains (Brooklyn 5, Blue Sea, Pilot 2). They all chimed, "The fishing has been fair to poor at best. I don't know where he is getting his information from!"

Just where is he getting it from? I mean, a little beefing up on the reports is good for all, but to give false information is a croc! Should I read his articles in the future?

We (me and my friends) are going to "put in our time" regardless if action is slow or not. I've been around enough to know that anything and everything can "change with the tide," as we say.

Steve Giaccone, Fresh Meadows, N.Y.

Dear Steve,

On behalf of Jerry Kenney, whom I know and respect as an outdoor communicator, I will say that any person writing fishing reports has nothing to gain by exaggerating those reports, and everything to lose because his or her credibility goes right down the tubes.

It's common policy for all fishing reporters to solicit information from boat captains and tackle shop owners and relate that info to their readers. I would guess that whoever provided the info contained in that column was the one who was off base.

Concerning our own reports, we are always careful to attribute statements such as "super fishing" or "great action" to the individuals responsible for them. Just as no reporter wants to have his or her credibility questioned, neither does the smart skipper or tackle shop owner. Most people in the business know that being honest about fishing reports will pay long term dividends and earn them the respect of their customers and peers.

Unfortunately, it's not a perfect world

and some folks out there don't subscribe to this philosophy. Repeated complaints and evidence of grossly exaggerated reports will usually get that source dumped from our calling list, whether they advertise or not. The reality of it though, is that when we do track down "false reports," it's often a case of the skipper getting Wednesday's success mixed up with Thursday's fishing, or something of the like.

We all do the best we can in providing accurate info, but we do appreciate letting us know when something is fishy - hence I would have hoped that you first contacted Jerry Kenney for his side of the story.

Funky Looking Stripers

Dear Fred,

In the Short Casts column of July 29, under the title of "An Ethics Question," Alan Pordera wrote of finding a sickly short striper. I am personally in support of purging the stock of such clearly diseased fish. I would argue that removing such diseased fish from the water to the nearest dumpster does not constitute "possession," which the law is clearly concerned with. Taking such a fish to a research lab may give one some legal trouble, depending on the DEC agent you encounter.

However, the reason I am writing is to describe a similar fish I sighted. On Saturday, July 24, I was aboard the party boat Rosie, near Little Pike's Inlet. A multicolored fish either swam or drifted right next to the boat in a normal orientation, and the mate netted it to see what it was. It was a striped bass, about 20 to 25 inches in length. The head and part of the back (in two separate sections) was covered with a reddish growth.

I'm writing you about this mainly to see if you get any more reports of such fish. I am concerned that we may be seeing the first signs of a blight on our striper stocks. Please keep us all informed through The Fisherman should there be anything we need to know.

Ernest J. Murphy, Coram, N.Y.

Dear Ernest,

Byron Young and Phil Briggs of New York's DEC did a thorough job of covering this issue in last week's Short Casts column. I will simply repeat their request to report such instances of diseased stripers to them, c/o NYSDEC, Building #40, Stony Brook, New York 11790-2356.

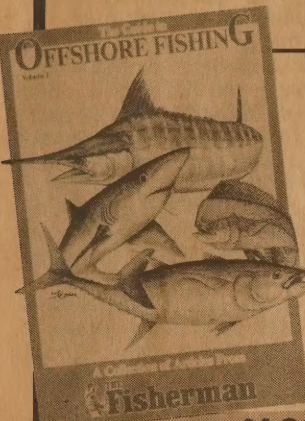
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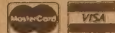
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TACKLE DOCTOR

By Russ Wilson

Dear Doc:

I'm just getting into saltwater fishing and have a few questions I think you might be able to answer. I am not a boat owner. I am mainly interested in learning how to fish the surf, and more important, the tackle, accessories and lures I will need to become a success.

I have no idea of what is involved and am open to any and all suggestions. If possible, can you recommend a decent rod and reel, one that will cover most of the basics? I don't have a lot of cash to invest and would like to get the best I can for my money. I'd also like some advice on lures. I'm not really all that interested in bait fishing. What I have in mind are a couple hours of surfcasting in the morning or late evening for stripers and bluefish.

I've read everything that's been written regarding surf fishing in *The Fisherman* but with so much information to digest I'm more confused than ever. I want to keep it plain and simple, just a decent rod and reel and a modest selection of lures that will catch bass and blues.

Thanks for your help. It is appreciated.

Winston Clark

Dear Winston:

Drive, don't walk to your nearest tackle shop or sporting goods store and check out a crew of the surf rods currently available through Penn Fishing Tackle, Abu Garcia, Berkley and Shakespeare. These are moderately priced, not bottom or top-of-the-line rods that can be counted on to give years of service if not abused. Depending on what you are willing to spend, you can move up or down from here.

I have used a couple of Penn's Slammer series of surf rods and one of Abu Garcia's Commodore series and recently purchased a Shakespeare 10-foot Tiger Stik and a 9-foot Berkley Sea Stik that have seen plenty of use. Both are two-piece models which make them easy to transport in a family auto.

I like the Penn SS series of spinning reels for surf and jetty work. Check out the 750SS and 850SS. Both are designed for the kind of work you plan and have the line capacity that is needed when long casts are necessary to reach out to fish feeding beyond the bars. The 750SS has a line capacity of 250 yards of 20-pound test and a 4.6 to 1 retrieve ratio. The 850SS has the same retrieve ratio but due to its larger size, will hold 325 yards of 20-pound test.

Be advised, Penn's SS spinning

reels are a tad heavy when compared to some of the more popular imports, but like most Penn products they will give years of trouble free service if serviced regularly. More important, should a part give up the ghost, service is readily available through many tackle shops having a service department. Should you elect to go direct to the manufacturer, repair can be arranged by shipping the reel direct to Penn's service department in Philadelphia.

I've also had good success with Abu Garcia's Cardinal Gold and Black Max spinning reels and Shimano's 4500 Baitrunner and SP4000 Spheros spinning reels. The #7 Gold and Black Max reels have a line capacity of 290 yards of 20-pound test and a 4.5 to 1 retrieve ratio. The Spheros SP4000 weighs 19 ounces, features a 5.2 to 1 retrieve ratio and has a line capacity of 170 yards of 17-pound test.

You can get by with a basic arsenal of proven lures. Pick out a couple of sub-surface swimming plugs. Those currently marketed by Bomber, Redfin, Storm Manufacturing (Big Mac), Gag's Grabber, Yankee and MirrOlure in the 5½ to 7-inch sizes will do for starters. Poppers are equally effective. Again, go with the names you know or stop at your favorite tackle shop and ask the owner what poppers are preferred by local experts.

No surf bag is complete without at least a few Hopkins type metals, some block tin squids, real or imitation rigged eels, bucktail dressed leadhead jigs and diamond jigs with a surgical tube tail. A selection in weights ranging from 1 to 4 ounces should cover any situation you are likely to encounter when fishing the fall run.

Dear Doc:

I would like to do some fishing for blackfish. I understand it is best to use some type of "grappling hook" type of anchor made from concrete re-enforcing rod. I've looked everywhere and cannot find anyone who sells grappling hook anchors of this type.

Can you provide me the name and address of a dealer or person who sells these anchors? Thank you.

Joe Ancona

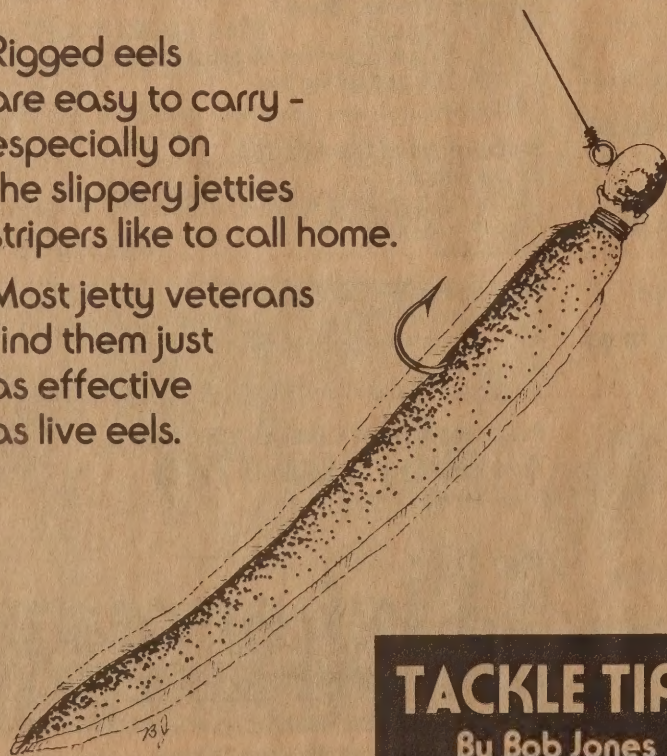
Dear Joe:

Stange your letter should arrive in the same day's mail as the following correspondence from Captain Ike Kravetz of Selma K Charters. His letter should resolve your problem as well as that of others who have written requesting information regarding anchors of this type.

If you need someone to tackle a tackle problem for you or if you just want to share a tip with other *Fisherman* readers, send a note to Mr. Russ Wilson, Tackle Doctor, 1622 Beaver Dam Rd., Pt. Pleasant, NJ 08742.

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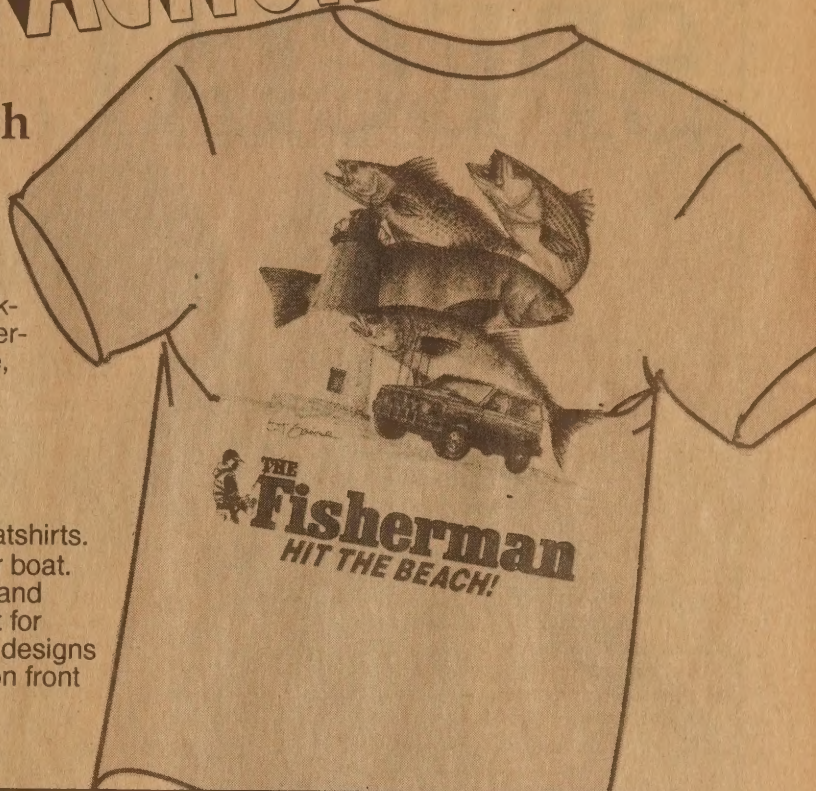
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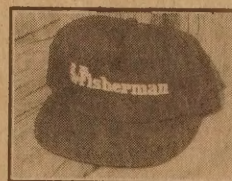
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Montauk Point: Under The Sun

Fred Golofaro

For all of the hype that goes along with catching stripers from a moonlit surf, there is plenty to be said for catching stripers and blues in daylight. Quite simply, it's thrilling to be able to watch fish swim among the boulders, herding baitfish as they go, and then actually see them follow and slam your wood or plastic offering.

But the real fact of the matter is that some of the better fishing at Montauk over the past couple of years has taken place between dawn and dusk. This has been especially true from mid-September through mid-October, when schools of blues and good numbers of stripers have been especially accommodating to surfmen who prefer the day shift. On the other hand, those casters willing to sacrifice sleep for fish, have found that justice does not always prevail.

Veteran casters understand that patterns develop for various areas over the course of a season. They learn to adapt their efforts to take the most advantage of these patterns. Daytime feeding activity is just one of these patterns, one which is often triggered by the type of dominant baitfish in an area. Baitfish like bunker, mullet, sand eels and some of the "white baits" are often more active and available to predators from sunrise to sundown. And there are other factors which we don't even pretend to understand. The important thing is to recognize these developing patterns in time to take advantage of them. If the past couple of seasons at Montauk are any indication, there is a good chance that at least some of this outstanding daytime action will repeat in 1993.

The Hot Spots. "Hot spots" may be a little misleading since the good fishing has encompassed a very broad area, although various locations did see better concentrations of bass as opposed to blues at various times. Generally, the entire south side accessible through Camp Hero, around to the lighthouse, beyond North Bar and on down to Rocky Point, has been the scene of some good daytime action in recent years.

Camp Hero (The Fort). This boulder studded area has a tendency to attract good numbers of stripers and has been the scene of some excellent daytime plugging action. Metal-lip swimmers like the Danny Plug have been dynamite here, as has the Super Strike Little Neck popper which can be made to swim much like a metal-lip when retrieved slowly. Unweighted live eels have also worked their magic among this shore's many boulders. Some type of cleated footwear is an ab-

solute must here, as most of your casting will be from a rocky perch. When the action heats up here, finding a good rock to work from can be a problem. Walking to the west will see the crowds thin and

the fishing is often as good or better as it is closer to the parking lot.

Turtle Cove. Bordered by Camp Hero to the west and the light to the east, Turtle Cove has been the sight of some absolutely incredible scenes. Picture a full scale bass and bluefish blitz in the middle of the day (on a weekend, of course) amidst crowds of casters packed shoulder to shoulder along its curved shore and you can imagine the chaos. Personally, I prefer to watch scenes like this rather than partake in them, but there is no



Prime rocks go quickly when fall crowds descend on the Point. Dick Mermon Photo.

doubt that it is electric. The reason for the crowds here are obvious. Turtle Cove is an easy walk from the main parking lot across from the lighthouse, it affords much easier footing with its sand and stone shore and it is a much more forgiving area to work artificials. Many newcomers are intimidated by the boulder fields to the west and are looking to protect their precious investment in plugs.

The Lighthouse Area. In my humble opinion, there is no more productive place to catch stripers day in and day out than under the shadow of the Montauk Lighthouse. While most of my fishing here takes place under the cover of darkness, many quality stripers have been taken here in the daylight. One of the most effective tools of the daylight caster here is the bucktail, but plugs have also account-

ed for their share of fish. For those of us who enjoy the darkness, the frustration of this daytime action reached its peak one October day last fall. While we were preoccupied with blues and school bass on the north side of Montauk, a group of "novice" surfmen, sans creepers and foul weather gear, lobbed live eels into the wash below the light and did a number on cow bass to 40 pounds. There are a few

Salty Flyrodding: Getting Started

Surf fishing has long been regarded as the most challenging of all of the angling disciplines. Not far behind in the skills department, is catching fish on a fly rod. Why then would anyone want to combine two of the most difficult aspects of the fishing game into a seemingly insurmountable challenge?

Saltwater flyrodding has taken off in leaps and pounds on the saltwater front in recent years. As anglers sought new challenges and embraced the philosophy that how you catch a fish is more important than how many you catch, scores of new converts set their sights on the challenges afforded by salty fly fishing. The rapid development of new and affordable tackle also played a big part in the boom.

What You'll Need: A 10-weight graphite rod is a good choice to handle most of the situations you are likely to encounter along the striper coast. Cost of these rods can range from just under \$100, to over \$400, but it is possible to put together a complete outfit with rod, reel and line for under \$200. Penn, St. Croix, Pflueger, Lamiglas, Fenwick, Loomis, Cortland, Sage and Offshore Angler (Stu Apte Signature Series) all offer quality rods throughout this price range.

Rods: For the budget minded, Pflueger Medalist and St. Croix's Pro-Series rods are the most affordable and will get the job done. A step up is the Fenwick HMG Series. They retail for around \$175 and have served my needs well. Getting into the better quality rods, I recently acquired one of Penn's new Gold Medal IMS rods. Despite limited use, I've been impressed with the rod and can't wait to run it through its paces this fall.

Reels: How much do you want to spend? Depending on your wallet, you can drop a \$50 dollar bill or a pile of hundreds. My suggestion would be a reel with a disc drag and a rim control feature. For under \$100, the Cortland Magnum 200D is an excellent choice. Very popular with the salty fly rod crowd in these parts is Scientific Anglers System Two Model 1011. This reel retails for under \$200 in most shops. Moving into the higher priced bracket, you can start drooling over those fancy gold reels. The latest addition to this class of reels is the Penn International. The same quality and craftsmanship that has made Internationals legendary on the offshore scene has been applied to these reels. I was especially impressed with its super smooth drag while "playing" with one at the AFTMA show back in July. The reel is at the top of my Christmas list, so that should tell you something.

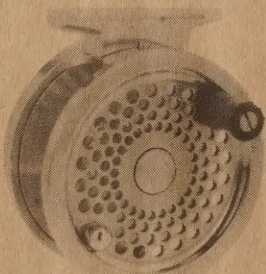
Lines: There are a couple of ways to go here. My own feeling is that an intermediate weight forward line makes the most sense for most surf fishing applications along our coast. Included in my definition of surf are the back bays, sounds and inlet areas where flyrodding really comes into its own. The intermediate line will have many more applications than a sinking line and is much easier to handle in the casting department. Some experts will argue that a floating line should be the choice of beginners because of its casting ease, but I feel the application outweighs the casting issue.

More Info: Many local tackle shops are tuned in to the saltwater flyrodding scene these days, with some even specializing in this discipline. Many will offer some form of casting instruction and help in selecting fly patterns that are effective in your immediate area. Visit these shops, attend some of the seminars that have become commonplace, read a couple of the fine books on the subject (Lou Tabory's is a dandy), view a video or two and then "just do it."

Fred Golofaro



The ultimate thrill - landing a big striper on a fly rod and then releasing her to fight again. Dick Mermon Photo



Penn's new International Series of fly reels is at the top of the author's Christmas list,

things "wrong" with this scenario. First, it took place in the middle of the day with a bright sun overhead, second, these novices were fishing the "wrong" tide (the ebb) for under the light, and last but not least, live eels are not your "traditional" offering under the light. The fact that the anglers involved were novices (some frustrated veterans called them "hackers") only added to the frustration of Montauk's regulars.

Scotts To False Bar. This area has been the scene of some excellent bass action and bluefish blitzes so intense that the noise from breaking fish sounds like a dull roar. From Scotts Hole, north past "The Bluff" and Jones Reef, to False Bar, creepers are a necessary tool. Because the stretch from Jones to Scotts is so accessible to walkers, you can count on big crowds when the fishing heats up. Walkers can access this area very easily by parking in the upper lot across the street from the lighthouse.

North Bar To Rocky Point. This area sees the crowds and the rocks thin until you get well down into Clarks Cove which borders North Bar to the north. Don't overlook it though since we have had some good fishing in the rocks during midday and Clarks Cove has been the scene of some good blitzes as bass and blues pocketed baitfish in the cove.

Some Daytime Tips. When blues are abundant but some bass are mixed among them, try getting a bucktail and strip of pork rind down below the blues. Also, as a school sweeps through an area, rather than chasing the blues down the beach, hang around and watch for the telltale swirls of stripers. They will often move in to pick up the pieces left by the choppers. If stripers are your target, concentrate your efforts in close among the



Creepers are a must for anglers working Montauk's boulder strewn shore. Dick Mermon Photo

boulders. Bass will often work the fringe of a feeding school of blues, especially when that "edge" encompasses rocks and boulders. Carry a good supply of metal-lip swimmers, poppers, and bucktails in the 3/4 to 2-ounce ranges. Bend the eye of your Dannels down so that the plug works right up on the surface and be

ready for some explosive strikes.

One final note. This is crowded fishing but it can be fun if everyone keeps their cool and helps their fellow angler. Some newcomers simply don't know any better so a few kind words of guidance can go a long way. And remember, courtesy is contagious.

Western Sound: Morgan's Pond

Rich Johnson

We pulled into our parking spot at 4:15 a.m. to find the pond serene and still on this cloudy and threatening morning. I was with high school principal Robin Calitri and our host, Ed Anderson from Glen Cove Sport Shop in Glen Cove. I guess you could say that Ed was on loan to us courtesy of John Cacciola, owner of the shop, but Ed sure didn't seem to mind the "burden" of having to share Morgans Pond, also known as Dosoris Pond, with us this morning.

Getting Started. As we set up shop along the shore adjacent to Morgans Bridge, we could just about make out the ripples of small schools of bait on the surface. I proceeded to fish the south end of the bridge's bank as Ed set up on the

bank opposite me. Robin fished the bank further down on Ed's side and started out with his fly rod. Ed and I chose spinning gear since we would be fishing structure.

You have probably read in the North Shore Report every week that this popular, saltwater pond has a reputation for some very good striper fishing. Morgans pond is approximately 100 acres in size and is bordered by Prybil Beach and the Golf Course to the southeast, the Morgan Bridge to the northwest and private homes to the south. The bridge is equipped with new gates to correct the tidal flow into and out of this body of water.

Bass At Dawn. We were greeted by bass chasing baitfish at dawn and the action got better as the morning progressed. As the lightning and thunder moved closer, and it got a little lighter, we could see and hear schools of spearing being harassed by stripers. Ed had

landed a couple of small schoolies using shad darts tipped with a sandworm. The real action was yet to come. The tide was now turning to the flood stage and the gates to the bridge reversed themselves as the tide started to churn water.

Ed landed another couple of small schoolies and I picked one up on a 1/4-ounce Kastmaster. When the sun finally rose above the horizon, the place literally turned on. The entire area in front of us was alive with thousands upon thousands of one and two-inch spearing spraying out of the water as bass crashed them with total disregard for the increasing daylight.

This was just too good to be true, and as they say on consumer protection shows; "If it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is!" seemed to hold water this day. The fishing was extremely tough with the bass zoned in on the tiny spearing. The water was actually filled with bait, and as the tide flooded the gates, the spearing moved closer to us at the base of the bridge. You could have walked across the water on the schools of bait. I switched over to the fly rod and tried using small flies on size 1 hooks. Silversides and Lefty Decievers received no takers,

Surf and Jetty Tips

Working The Rocks. Jetty fishing differs from surf angling in a number of ways. Don't try using the nine and 11-foot rods common to beach fishing while on the rocks. It's far more effective to fish with seven to eight-foot rods since casting long distances isn't necessary when working rockpiles.

Don't go too light when selecting a jetty rod, however. A rod with a parabolic bend (the rod arcs throughout its length rather than just at the upper one third) is preferred so you can lift a relatively heavy fish to your rocky perch. In some instances, you might hook into a fish too large for even the ideal jetty wand. When that happens, (lucky you) walk the fish back to the beach. Not always easy, but unless you intend to gaff and subsequently keep the fish, it's your most practical option.

When it comes to reel style, spinning versus conventional is partly a matter of preference, but what you fish comes into play. If you liveline frequently, conventional gear is recommended. Most plugs will also work with conventional style tackle, but poppers and pencil poppers are best handled with spinning tackle.

Casting Leaders.

Although leaders have a place in surf fishing, they can be overused. If you're already using relatively heavy line (20-pound test or higher), a casting leader is optional unless you have so many break-offs around rocks that 40 to 50-pound test is mandated.

Wire Leaders. Avoid wire leaders whenever possible. They dampen lure action and can reduce the number of strikes. With striped bass or weakfish, they're simply not needed.

Bluefish are another matter. You may want to use a wire leader under blitz conditions, however a short trace (18 inches) of 40 to 60-pound test mono rigged with a swivel at one end and a snap at the other, will usually do the job.

Lure Color. Recent studies with striped bass indicate that they do have color perception, but only during daylight. Apparently, linesiders see only black and white during dark hours.

With that in mind, most surfmen rely on a dark lure on a dark night and a light one on brighter nights. The idea here is to create enough contrast so the bass can see your lure. Black, white and yellow should be the foundation of night lures, with yellow, blue and green used during daylight.

Rod Selection. You'll need at least two rods to cover most situations, but don't be surprised when surfsters show up toting four rods or more, each tailored to a specific situation or lure range. You don't necessarily have to duplicate that arsenal, but you should be able to present a range of lures and baits from less than an ounce, to six ounces or more. **Staff**



despite the feeding frenzy. I tried small home-tied flies as did Robin, still with no takers. By this time the bridge was filled with people tossing everything from 1 and 2-ounce diamond jigs, Rebels and other assorted lures with no one taking a fish except for Ed who was still using his shad darts tipped with a worm.

We went back to spinning gear and Robin landed a couple of small bass using Sluggos with 6-pound test. Ed then hooked into a 30-inch bass on 8-pound test which put his angling skills to the test.

A Frustrating Lesson. John Cacciola over at Glen Cove Sports had warned me that this type of action had been the rule as of late, and that many a fisherman had left frustrated and disappointed. The strange thing was that as the sun got higher and the bait congregated in larger and tighter schools, the bass that were crashing these schools of bait were get-

Dosoris Pond is open to the public to fish, but parking is not permitted to non-residents. This forces you to fish with a friend or relative who is a resident and possesses a resident sticker. When wading around the shore away from the bridge, it is advisable to stay below the high tide line as much of the shoreline is privately owned.

For more information on parking or other restrictions and on the great fishing possibilities in Dosoris Pond, contact:

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ting larger with what appeared to be many keepers in the mix. Although I hate to say it, we too left Morgans Pond frustrated, but a little wiser to the fussy feeding habits of stripers.

Some Pond History. Morgans Pond gets its name from the late billionaire J.P. Morgan Jr., who built the bridge while living there, during the first world war. While he was financing the war effort through securities, he built gates into the bridge to allow the pond to keep a steady level and allow the landing of seaplanes. He also had gun turrets built into the bridge for security. According to the present mayor of Glen Cove, Donald DeRiggi, J.P. Morgan was also shot and killed there. The name was changed to Dosoris Pond years later, but just when, no one knows. This "pond" is comprised of mostly saltwater, although it is fed by some freshwa-

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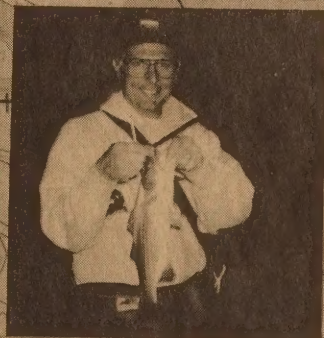
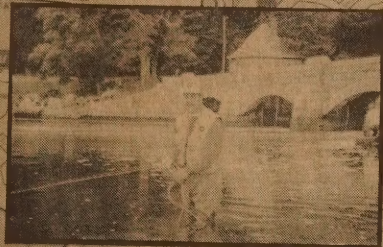
West Creek: Striped bass found at the mouth of the water

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Maxwell's Breakwater: Hot area for chunking bass.

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Dosoris Creek into the pond: prime area for the change



Inset photos: The author offering a fly to fussy stripers with Morgan's Bridge in the background. Robin Calitri with a small bass that hit a Sluggo before dawn.

ter underground springs. It supports a population of white and yellow perch, as well as the stipers.

Getting There. To get to Dosoris Pond, you take Rt. 107 north to the Glen Cove Firehouse, turn right on Forest Avenue, continue approximately four traffic

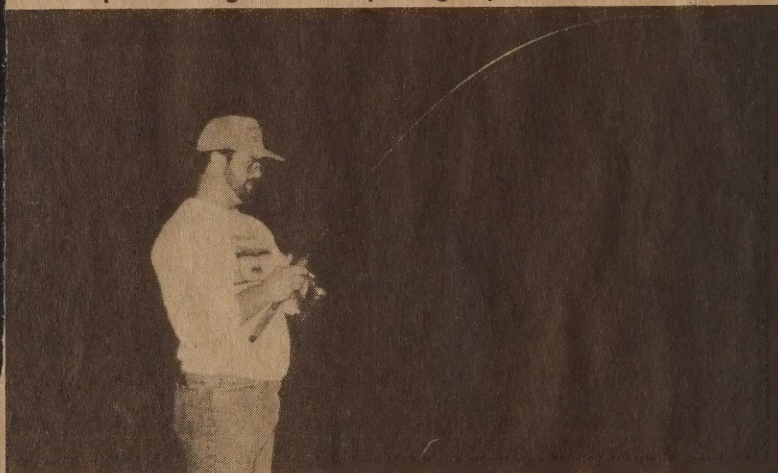
lights to Dosoris Lane, and make a left. Continue to the end until you come to a T and bear left on Dana's Island Highway to the pond. You'll pass a wetland area on your left and the Matinecock Rod and Gun Club on your right. Just past the club, you will see Dosoris Pond on your right.

Be careful when wading this body of water as the bottom drops off very fast!

Other Info. There are a couple of other tidbits you should know before fishing the pond. First, since the gates to the bridge were fixed with federal money, the pond is open to the public. The catch is



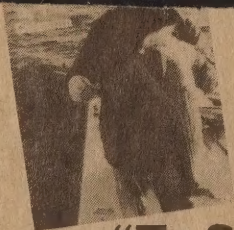
Stripers busting into small spearing on placid Dosoris Pond.



Ed Anderson works on a schoolie bass with light tackle.



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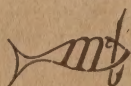
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the City of Glen Cove won't allow you to park there. This means you'll have to have someone drop you off or have a friend or relative who is a resident take you fishing. There is, however, talk now of a possible non-resident parking permit, but until then, tickets are given to non-residents who park illegally.

The water by the bridge is deep and

unwadeable but as you travel away from the bridge heading north, the bottom slopes gradually and is accessible by wading. This is a prime fly fishing area.

The action in the spring is more conducive to catching fish as the spearing have yet to move into the pond and bucktails with pork rind or squid will work, as will small plugs. Once the bait has moved out

in the fall, the same theory will apply for catching bass from this location. It's during the summer months when the bait is thickest, that fishing becomes a real challenge. Next time I go I will use spearing on a small freshwater jighead as I do when fluke fishing. This might make the difference with the pond's fussy stripers. Another possibility could be the use of Hell-

cats or small metal lipped Danny Plugs. If you have any questions concerning Dosoris Pond call John or Ed over at Glen Cove Sports. They have all the answers for you concerning parking or fishing and are well equipped to set you up for a trip to this little piece of bass heaven. Their number is (516) 676-7120 and they are located at 189 Forest Avenue, Glen Cove.

Robert Moses: A Tradition Of Blues

William A. Muller

I've enjoyed good success with bluefish at Robert Moses since the beach first opened to surf fishing over a decade ago. There are a few differences between then and now. One difference is the lack of crowds in the early '80s. I recall a couple of years of fantastic fishing for monster blues and on most days I either fished alone or with a guy named Nathan. A second difference is the decline of bluefish stocks through the decade of the '80s.

The productivity of R.M. 4, along with other beaches, when analyzed against a

bluefish was the real reason for diminished productivity.

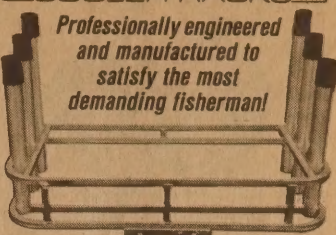
Consider the following thesis. Bluefish stocks were at an all time high from the late 1970s into the 1980s. Blues would begin their migration south very early due to feeding competition. Thus, starting in September the large schools would start to meander south, running the beaches behind schools of bait they pushed along. When the school moved on, it was replaced by another school; usually the next day. Thus it appeared to us anglers that a school moved in and hung around for days or even weeks. However, I do not believe that was the case. Many of the schools held fish of similar size because



backdrop of declining bluefish stocks, is an excellent demonstration of why South Shore beaches have been inconsistently productive in recent years. I do not believe that change in the structure of R.M. 4 is the primary reason for the inconsistency, although beaches with less structure are less productive than beaches with good structure. Structure at many South Shore beaches was very good in 1992, yet fishing remained inconsistent. Fewer

of the enormous year classes, and we did not notice the flow of schools down the beach. If this thesis is correct, and I believe it is, then the experience of 1992 at R.M. 4 becomes easier to understand. Robert Moses beaches didn't become "hot" until November; keyed to the migration of huge schools of baby bunker. Veterans Day and the following day were absolutely great!

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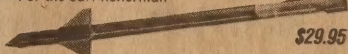
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Work At It. I feel the reality of bluefish cycles shouldn't discourage us. Instead, we should consider ourselves spoiled by the abundance of a decade ago. Now, we need to get down to real surf fishing which is intrinsically more difficult than other forms of fishing. We have night access to R.M. 4 these days, yet few of us take advantage of it. Working the structure with bait and plugs on night tides should allow us to cull a few quality fish in these waters. patience with chunks of bait in the fall is probably the approach that will most likely yield some big blues. Here's the strategy I plan to use.

Scout The Beach. I make a point of touring the South Shore beaches in late August. I make the trip at low water on a sunny day and note the position of bars, troughs and cuts via both white water patterns and variations of light and dark water areas. The light water areas indicate shallow places and the dark water the deeper places. The darker the water the deeper it is, and the lighter the water the shallower it is. Now I understand the existing bottom structure and, if there isn't a strong storm to rearrange the sand, it is likely these configurations will still be in place when the first good combination of weather, moon and bait flow comes together.

Research shows conclusively that bluefish prefer low light levels. Therefore, I plan to make trips to target bluefish that match high outgoing tide and twilight. However, my personal experience has been that large blues may put on the feed bag at sunset, but may remain some distance off the beach because bigger fish can be more cautious than smaller ones. So, I also plan to stay the remainder of the tide in the hopes of a chopper big enough to be called a gorillagator.

Fish Chunks. The next phase of my strategy will be to fish chunks of bunker, mackerel or herring; whichever I happen to have. I'll bring plugs, too, in the event there are enough fish to create a competitive feeding period. Bait, however, has the ability to attract and catch even a single fish working down the beach.

Sea conditions are very important to me when I fish the South Shore. The percentage for success goes up dramatically when there is a wind in your face. A breeze of 15 to 20 miles per hour is ideal. A wind of this velocity will not dirty the water, but will make waves that in turn will crash on higher bottom pieces making the white water areas that bass and blues use effectively to feed.

Don't Be Lazy. I've made another promise to myself, and this one isn't new. This is more than a promise, it is part of my fishing creed. That is, don't be lazy. Doc, walk and explore because the best structure maybe a half-mile down the beach and the only way you'll find it is to go and see if it's there. I can't even begin to give you a number for the times when my walking has put me into fish. I own a four-wheel-drive vehicle, but when I bought it I promised myself I wouldn't use the beach vehicle as an excuse to get lazy; and I haven't. At least 60 percent of

my fishing is done out of my car and I've walked two and three miles many times to get to good structure. I feel it is important to stay flexible and mobile. Surf fishermen are prisoners to a narrow zone that severely limits mobility. The only mobility we have is lateral, and I believe in using both the stretches of beach.

Better Later. Although schools of fish can begin raiding Robert Moses beaches as soon as the first schools of mullet start

to migrate, I have found the better fishing at R.M. 4 doesn't usually begin until mid-October. I wouldn't avoid fishing the beach based upon this statement, because anything can and usually does happen. However, I'm sharing with you over a decade's worth of log information indicating a tendency for the timing of the start of consistent fishing on quality fish. Incidentally, Halloween has become uncannily excellent at this beach.

Let me leave you with one last thought. Last year I was dismayed by the lack of surf fishermen on local beaches for most of the fall period. True, there wasn't a lot of great fishing to brag about, but the dedicated angler could, and did take quality bass and blues through what some called "non-existent fishing." Sometimes we have to work a little harder than at other times, but there's more satisfaction when success doesn't come easily.

Match The Hatch: Baby Boomer's Choice

William A. Muller

No, I'm not referring to a people's baby boom. Indeed, the abundance of newborn in question here are the offspring of menhaden, or bunker.

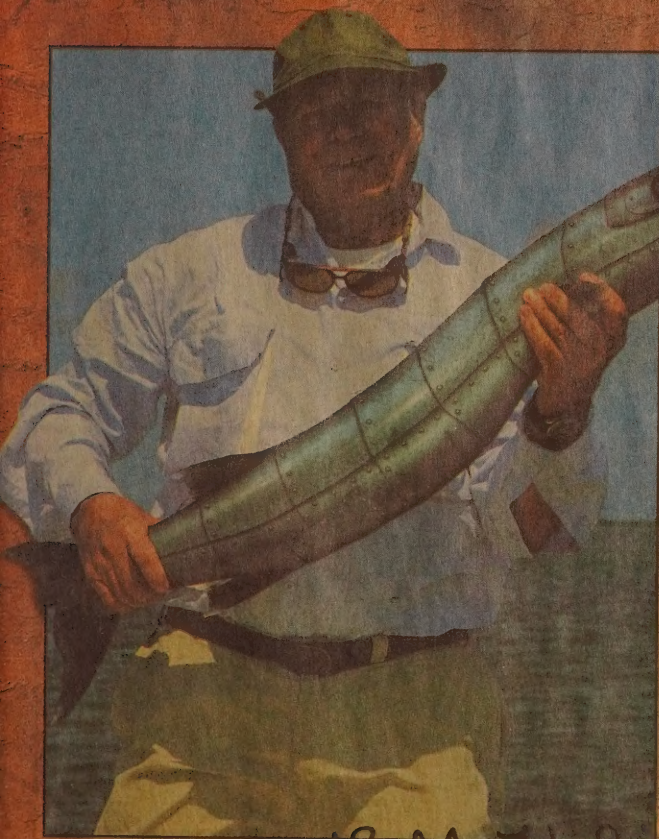
Many anglers are under the impression that last year was the first year of the bunker babies, yet the cycle of spawning began three years ago. Many anglers didn't notice because for some reason

most of the baby bunker migrated out of our waters by early September, and two years ago the spawning success was moderate.

There's a lot we don't understand about bunker biology. For example, scientists typically find bunker eggs in estuarine plankton tows every year, but in many years the eggs aren't viable and the fish do not develop. Then, inexplicably the eggs will develop and hatch. Successful spawning of bunker in our waters, furthermore, comes in bunches, whereas in southern waters successful spawning oc-

curs every year. It is that success comes in bunches in our waters that has me anticipating another good spawning year. I fully expect that by the end of August, the little critters will be booming in every harbor, bay and creek on Long Island. It's a good idea for the surf fisherman to be prepared for this distinct possibility.

Bunker History. However, before we prepare, let's continue our look at the history of bunker exploitation and management. Although bunker spawning success is consistent in southern waters, the abundance of the fish still cycles significantly. Bunker boats exploit all sizes of the fish which is an inefficient method of resource utilization. The "peanuts," as the babies are known, weigh only an ounce or so and give the harvester very little "bang for the buck." It makes far more sense to harvest the adults. Did you know



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Many years ago, when there was a high-pitched controversy over bunker harvests in New York waters, I went to visit Mr. Richardson, the chief of Seacoast Products, then the principal bunker harvester in our waters, to try and hammer out an agreement. He got up suddenly and threw me out of his office because I disagreed when he told me with a straight face that all the bunker schools migrated out of New York waters by October 15 of each year. Of course he was wrong. It was another example of how commercial fishermen believe they know so much about fisheries resources because they kill them every day, when in reality they are so ignorant. Any casual angler observes significant numbers of bunker in our waters in November, and in some years the schools are still passing our beaches in December. Certainly, that was the case last year.

We have a lot more biology we need to understand about many species of fish including bunker. Even in the 1990s, decisions on fisheries management are being made on the basis of misinformation, hard-core economics and politics without much regard for the species. As anglers, the more we know about both the game fish we chase and the prey they seek, the more successful we'll be. This philosophy brings us back to a consideration of prep-



The Storm ThunderMac (top) and the Shallo Mac, two terrific choices when baby bunker are the bait.



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How to use it. To use this tool attach it to both vehicles making sure to attach it securely and without knots or tangles. Also check that all piled up sand is removed from the stuck vehicles tires, and that the air pressure has been lowered (unless it is bottomed out.) If the vehicle can not be simply towed out, the memory properties come into play.

The towing vehicle should back up, leaving approximately 10 - 12 feet of slack in the snatch/tow rope. The tow vehicle should now proceed forward at a fairly rapid rate of speed. The rope will become tight and stretch, and when the line reaches it's stretch limit, it will recoil as the pressure is released. The towing vehicle operator will feel when the limit of stretch is reached and should ease off the gas to let the line do it's job of rebounding, and in the process of pulling out the stuck vehicle. This ropes components test out at approximately 2000 to 2500 pounds on a straight pull under pressure, with the ropes testing out much higher. Of course, when not used as a snatch rope it can be used as plain old tow rope.

Help with splicing. If you need some help as far as splicing is concerned, the local library is the place to start. There are many good books on the subject, with

Chapmans boating text for starters. even if you go to the library, you should practice

first using smaller diameter rope. You can purchase some 3/8 or 1/2 inch inexpensive manila line and practice on that. Once you have splicing around grommets down pat, you are ready for the big time. As you are splicing the 3/4 nylon make sure you pull the three ends tightly as you proceed. This will strengthen the splice and also make it look a lot neater. The last steps after finishing the splice is tucking the three ends in as close as possible, and take the splice and roll it around under your foot on concrete. This serves to even out the splice for a better appearance.

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aration! If we aren't prepared, it will be hard to take maximum advantage of the fishing opportunities

The Right Choice. Consider several examples from my personal log. I've mentioned in previous articles about my Halloween 1991 experience. Perhaps what should be noted here is that it took me several hours of trying different plugs with only meager success before I put on a Storm Shallow Mac. From that moment on it was a hit virtually every cast.

Or, consider the next day. I again fished with the Shallo Mac, but my friend, Brian, used a 1-ounce Magna Strike Predator. We did equally well.

Or, consider the success I've had with a Storm ThunderMac. This is a six-inch plug that resembles the Shallo Mac in size and shape. However, it lacks a lip

and is weighted so that it is used like a pencil popper or Zara Spook. However, it is much less tiring on the arms.

Finally, consider a day along the South Shore last November. A small school of teen-sized bass pushed a school of baby bunker into the wash. A dozen fishermen began throwing everything from poppers to tins trying to fool the bass. The third choice out of my bag was a blue and white 1-ounce Gibbs bottle plug. First cast I hooked up, but dropped the fish. Then a hit, then another hit, then a beached 19-pound bass that I released, made another cast and had another hit before the bass moved away. None of the fishermen on either side of me had a hit. Why? I believe it was the plug I chose because until I snapped on the small bottle plug, I didn't have a hit either!

Baby Boomer Choices. They are: the six-inch Shallo Mac, the six-inch Thunder Mac, the Predator, and the 1-ounce Bottle Plug. What do these plugs have in common that make them good choices? They all have the same length, shape, body depth and tight swimming action of baby bunker.

There are times when you won't be able to use these lures. They are small, weigh an ounce or less and don't cast well into a wind. Fred Golofaro and I were confronted with this problem fishing FINS and Smith Point beaches on Veteran's Day, November 1992. The day was overcast with a 20 to 25-knot south wind making up five to eight-foot waves. That day we needed a plug that would cut through the wind and get some distance. All day I thought about my Baby Boomer Choices,

but they simply couldn't be used under those adverse conditions.

Well Connected. My Baby Boomer Choices have something else in common, too. They all feature very rugged

construction that comes in handy when big fish are feeding. I don't want to jinx myself, but here goes. I haven't had a single hook pull yet. The plugs, which come with heavy-duty hardware and thus

do not require modification, have taken the best big blues and bass can dish out and they keep ticking.

Try my Baby Boomer Choices this season. I believe you'll enjoy your selection!

Surf Etiquette: A Lesson In Courtesy

By Chris Rance

Surf fishermen in the New York, Metropolitan area often find ourselves standing elbow to elbow with our brethren when vying for the best position in a particular area. When the fishing in a certain locale is "hot" for an extended period and word gets out, such positions become scarce indeed. It is in these instances especially, that we should remember to exercise some surf etiquette. In fact, many of the following ideas would be wise to follow even when you find plenty of elbow room on the beach!

Space. All human beings require a

certain amount of breathing room in order to avoid feeling hemmed in by others, although there are marked cultural differences in this area. Surf fishing is no different. While blitz-like conditions may cause us to occasionally "lose our heads," we should keep in mind that others around us may also be losing theirs, and so we should grant a minimum of space to the guy already there.

First of all, it is a simple matter of courtesy. Secondly, if you don't know the skill level and fishing habits of the fellow next to you, it can be downright dangerous to come up behind him and/or slip in beside him to begin casting. A prime example that comes to mind is the little stone jetty

in front of Crab Meadow Beach. More often than not, the guy who comes up behind me when I'm fishing out on the end of that jetty will come right up behind me, as if the extra three or four feet of distance he'll get on the cast will dictate whether he'll take fish or not. While I'm flattered that he thinks I'm skillful enough not to rip his eyes out on my backswing, there's really no justification for this kind of crowding.

Lights. This is a ticklish one, so I'll just offer one example and then put forth my views on the subject. Several years ago, when weakfish were wreaking havoc on baitfish in the State Channel around Oak Beach, I found myself fishing maybe 50 yards to the left of an elderly gent and his younger companion. To make a long story short, they had a Coleman lantern burning many yards back from the water's edge, but this in itself did not cause any problems. The problem did come when a significant school of weaks moved right in to shore perhaps 50 yards to the right of



"Do unto others as you would have others do unto you" takes on special meaning when beaches get crowded. William A. Muller Photo

them, making that lovely and unmistakable popping sound that they make when sucking shrimp off the surface. The older fellow picked up the lantern and carried it with him along the water's edge to where the weakfish were hugging the shore. I should emphasize "were," because they were gone in just a matter of seconds, having been spooked by the sudden onset of bright light.

Simply put, in quieter, calm water conditions, avoid as much as possible the use of lights, especially on non-moonlit nights. If you must flick your light on to retie or to search out a lure, always turn your back on the water when doing so. Remember that a constant light which reoccurs nightly, such as pier or bridge lights, can actually improve your fishing because small baitfish gather under such lights and predatory fish ambush them from the dark shadows of these man-made structures. On the other hand, a sudden bright light can drive fish right out from under your feet. Check the conditions and adjust accordingly. Nights with bright moonlight or turbulent water, or both, allow more liberal use of lights. Do make it a habit, though, to perform as many operations as possible without the use of lights.

The same is true for those whose four-wheel-drive permits allow them to ride the beach to reach their favorite hot spots. Always avoid shining your headlights directly on the water. Instead, install amber fog lights on your front bumper to navigate the areas where you'll be fishing. Not only will your fishing improve but the fishermen already in the water will really appreciate your discretion.

Be Quiet. Excessive noise can also drive fish out of casting range. In the aforementioned quiet water situations, exercise caution when walking near the shore where fish of sometimes surprising proportions may be lying quietly. In fact, it is highly recommended that the fisherman begin casting while remaining on the shore. If there are no results, or if game fish are obviously breaking and feeding off the shore, then by all means wade in cautiously to cast to them. Finally, remember that loud voices can also drive quiet water fish far from the beach. Even though the action may be fast and furious, and emotions run high, you'll be better off in the long run by not disturbing those fish and thus keeping them on the beach as long as possible.

Casting Order. Courtesy in the surf fishing game sometimes just involves using a little common sense. Since many of the better surf fishing spots are located in areas of swift moving water, it stands to reason that some common sense will often need to be exercised here when more than one fisherman is present. Generally, fishermen in a lineup like this must cast in a particular order, so as to avoid crossing lines. Quite simply, the one farthest downtide casts first, generally in an uptide direction, and the next angler uptide of him leaves about five or 10 seconds for that lure to swing downtide, and then casts to the same position relative to him. This general procedure is repeated all the way

Casting With Ron Arra

The following tips from four-time national casting champion Ron Arra should help add some distance to even your longest casts.

- 1** A graphite rod of about 11 feet in length with a fairly firm butt section and a medium action tip will provide the greatest distance with the least amount of effort.
- 2** On conventional rods, use BNLG or BNHG Fuji guides with the first guide at least 31 inches from the reel. On a spinning rod, use GBSVLG Fujis with the first guide at least 40 inches from the reel.
- 3** Lighter lines mean longer casts. Twenty or 25 pound test is fine on conventional reels. Use 12 to 15 pound test on spinning reels unless you're forced to go heavier because of rocks or similar abrasive structure. Use a shock leader for the modified pendulum cast.
- 4** Spool your reels with mono, even your conventional models. Braided line creates too much friction as it passes through the guides. Conventional reels should be filled to within 1/8 inch of the spool's rim.
- 5** Narrow-spoiled conventional reels will provide longer casts than wide-spool models since there is less friction as the line comes off of the reel and passes through the first guide.
- 6** Use your legs and hips to generate maximum power when casting. Don't rely on only your arms and shoulders, as many casters do.
- 7** Learn the pendulum cast and modify it to meet current fishing conditions. Remember, a smooth delivery is the key to maximum distance.
- 8** When casting into a wind, keep your lure's trajectory low. With the wind at your back, throw high to take advantage of this condition.
- 9** Practice every chance you get.
- 10** Buy a copy of "Power Surfcasting," the bible of distance casting, by Ron Arra and Curt Garfield. The book can be ordered direct from the publisher, Lyons & Burford, 31 West 21 Street, New York, New York 10010 (212) 620-9580. Postage and handling are included for \$12.95.

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up the line, and should be followed whenever you find yourself near other fishermen in any area with a significant left to right or right to left current. In fact, this concept is essential for trouble-free fishing in these situations.

Boats. Surf etiquette sometimes extends beyond the immediate surf zone into the area where boat fishermen and surf fishermen interact. In the more popular areas where this interaction can occur, I can only suggest that respect and tolerance be exercised as much as possible. To my way of thinking, I believe that the surf fisherman should be given enough room to be able to cast as far as he wants without interference from boatmen. How-

ever, if respectful boat fishermen prudently ply the same shoreline waters as surfmen, and both parties are careful, then the two factions can fish the same zone without trouble. Unfortunately, I have rarely seen this work successfully.

As a general rule, I would ask boat fishermen, especially those who fish at night, to exercise caution when running through or trolling through waters within 100 yards or so of the beach. You may not be able to see surf fishermen in complete darkness, but you might want to keep an eye out for their headlamps, which surfmen should flash into the air whenever they think that boat fishermen are getting too close and perhaps can't see them.

In closing, the main point that I need to stress is that we all have the ability to think before we act, no matter what the situation. The fact that we are out on the water to relax and enjoy nature does not

mean that we should leave our brains at home. We may not be able to change the inconsiderate behavior of those who don't give a damn about others, but we can certainly strive to educate those who

might not know a better way, yet would be receptive to learning it. Remember, above all, to keep your wits about you, and to do unto others as you would have them do unto you, and we'll all get along just fine.

Smith Point/FINS: The Twin Beaches

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Nestled side by side at the southern terminus of William Floyd Parkway, lay a pair of surf spots that offer mobile surfmen the rare opportunity to cover lengthy stretches of beach in search of bass and blues. Combined, Smith Point County Park and Fire Island National Seashore (FINS) provide the beach vehicle equipped caster with more than 10 miles of prime fishing turf. For those who depend on their legs to carry them to the action, there is plenty of parking available after Labor Day, and some of the best fishing often takes place within walking distance of the main lot at Smith Point. Last fall saw this area produce some of the better action along the South Shore, with several good daytime blitzes taking place in late October and November.

Getting There. Getting to these beaches is a breeze. Just take the LIE or Sunrise Highway (Route 27) to William Floyd Parkway and take it south, over the Smith Point Bridge and into the park. The parkway is exit 68 off of the LIE. The FINS ranger station will be on your immediate right, the county park is to your left.

FINS Access. FINS beach vehicle permits are available at the ranger station

for no charge. You are required to watch a short film on beach ecology and oversand vehicle use, and there is a donation box if you are so inclined. Access times vary during the early fall but you will be informed of the current regs when you acquire your permit. You will have approximately six miles of beach to travel, west to Long Cove.

To fish the FINS side with a car, parking is in the southwest corner of the Smith Point County Park lot.

Smith Point Access. This Suffolk County park offers residents and non-residents the opportunity to travel over five miles of productive beach as far east as Moriches Inlet. Resident Outer Beach stickers are \$50, while non-residents currently must fork over \$100 for the privilege of driving this beach. Permits are available at the 4x4 check-in station or at Suffolk County Park headquarters at the West Sayville County Golf Course during regular business hours.

If you are a walker, there is no fee for parking in the main lot after Labor Day. You can park from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., after which you will need to get an overnight parking permit (free) from the county ranger station, across the street from the lot. A more comprehensive county permit system is currently in the works and could very well be in effect for the 1994 season.

Fishing Opportunities. As was the

case on much of the East End, daytime action had the edge over night fishing last season. I was fortunate to stumble into several good sessions before and after work, and even had a couple of occasions when I never did make it back from what was intended to be a short lunch break. Fortunately, my publisher knows that few things take precedence over feeding stripers and he has learned to tolerate this weakness over the years.

On the county side, the inlet itself is always a focal point of activity. This is especially true during the early stages of the fall run when bucktails, live eels, metal-lip swimmers and minnow shaped swimmers worked from the rocks score well on bass and blues. One of the prime spots along this shore is Great Gun Beach. Lying a little west of the inlet, this stretch is a maze of bars, sloughs and white water season after season. One look at the structure here and you'll understand its attractiveness to fish and fishermen.

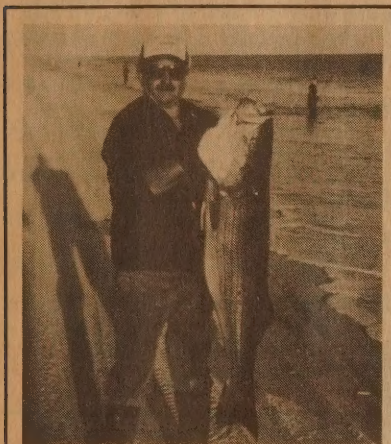
The balance of this beach back to the 4x4 entrance is constantly shifting, but always has its share of fish holding structure. Be sure to work any points, holes or bars that have the potential to hold fish. Too many casters make the run east without even checking these other areas. Many times I have found fish just a short ride from the entrance and had to go no further.

The stretch in front of the county pavilion is off-limits to buggies and is the domain of the walking crowd. For as long as I have been fishing this area, some good structure in the form of an outer bar, a sluiceway or a point has developed along this stretch. Over the years, I have taken



many bass and blues within an easy walk of the parking lot. In fact, my biggest bass from these beaches last fall, a 38-pounder, was caught just west of the FINS ranger station.

From the FINS side, again there is good fishing close by to the entrance, but there is no doubt that some of the best action each year takes place at Long Cove, the westernmost boundary of four-wheel drive access. Like Great Gun Beach, not a season goes by that Long Cove doesn't feature some of the best structure found along these beaches. Closer to the buggy entrance, Old Inlet is another stretch that sees good structure develop on a regular basis. This section of beach was also very productive last fall, but I haven't yet explored this shore in 1993 to see what kind of hand nature has dealt us. Like the county side, there are always spots with smaller, less evident structure that hold fish, can save you a lot of driving and don't attract crowds.



Rich Monty shows a cow striped, one of five bass over 20 pounds, that he caught along FINS one day last October.

What To Bring. What type of lure you throw on any given day will depend on a number of variables. Between sunrise and sunset, the usual assortment of poppers, tins and swimmers will all take fish. More specifically, I'd make sure my bag includes a couple of metal-lip Danny style swimmers like those made by Gibbs, Bob Hahn and Larry's Lures. These plugs were deadly last fall whenever fish were found rolling in bait under calm surf conditions. If you've never experienced a big striper coming up and blasting one of these plugs, you are in for a real treat.

Of the popping plugs, standard types like the Atom, Smoker, Yankee and Gags Grabber will all work when the fish are banging surface plugs, but when bass or blues turn fussy, my preference is for a Gibbs Pencil Popper or the Super Strike Little Neck.

For those days when the fish are feeding on big bait in a heavy surf, you'll need to carry a couple of 3-ounce Gibbs Casting swimmers. These plugs worked well under just these conditions on Veterans Day last November.

What's Up With Surf Bags

If there is one piece of equipment that no surf fisherman should be without, it's a surf bag. There are at least a half dozen different bags currently being marketed in our region which leaves little excuse for toting a tackle box or bucket around on the beach. A surf bag affords casters mobility and puts all of your tackle within quick and easy reach. Any veteran caster knows the value of being able to get back into the fray as quickly as possible. Time wasted walking back up the beach to your bucket or box translates into less fishing time when the action is hottest. Since most "blitzes" are of limited duration, you want to be able to make the most of these opportunities.

Stuff It Right: Many casters tend to overload their bag with too many lures and accessories which can make lugging the bag heavy and burdensome.

Many "regulars" like to store the bulk of their lures in their car or buggy via compartmented milk crates or something more elaborate like the Surfmaster Lure Storage Box. As conditions warrant, they load their bag with the lures most appropriate for the situation at

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hand. For example, why carry weighty metal lures on a junket that will entail strictly nighttime fishing. Or if you're walking a quiet beach with a light action surf stick, why be burdened with 3-ounce plugs when you'll only be tossing payloads of less than an ounce?

In addition to lures, your bag should contain a leader wallet stocked with pre-tied leaders. A similar wallet can be used to hold pre-rigged droppers or teasers. If pliers are not worn on your surf belt, they also require space in your bag. Pliers and spare leaders are absolute musts in this department.

The Right Bag. Surf bags come in several sizes, ranging from single row models to those containing three rows of compartments and pockets for holding an assortment of accessories. Select one that best suits your needs, which is not necessarily the largest. Far and away the most popular bags along the coast are those with double row inserts containing from 5 to 7 compartments per row.

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on the open beach, as well.

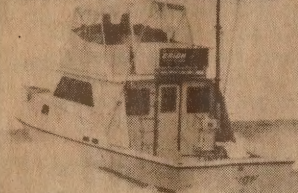
More Info. Two tackle shops relatively close by to these beaches, and who keep a good handle on the current fishing, are Smith Point Bait & Tackle (516-281-3766) which is strategically located on the southbound side of William Floyd Parkway a mile or so shy of the beach, and J&J Tackle (516-654-2311) in Patchogue. Both are good sources of info for these beaches and they can also advise you on what lures are currently hot.

No plug selection is complete without a selection of six and seven inch minnow-shaped swimmers like the Bomber, Redfin and Grandma. They're often the ticket in the pre-dawn hours or as the sun sets, but I've caught plenty of fish on them in broad daylight under calm surf conditions.

For those days when bass and blues want nothing to do with plugs, a deep running tin or bucktail can be the ticket. While bucktails see most of their use at the inlet, we have used them effectively

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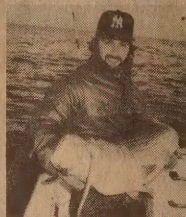


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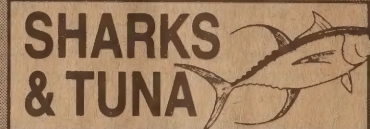
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East End Report

By Mrs. Lorry Mangan

For Week Ending Sunday, 8/29/93

Tuna fishing remains hot for those trolling 50 or so miles offshore. Generally, catches of 1-3 tuna per angler (albacore, small yellowfin) have been the norm. The phenomenal run of dolphin fish-mahi mahi continues unabated; these fish, some very large, seem to inhabit every offshore lobster pot or piece of flotsam. Over night trips to middle grounds or tails have been successful, since big yellowfin have been chunked at night, longfins trolled during daylight hours.

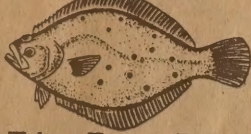
Several large bass, 48 pounds on **Bluefin I**, 47 pounds on "Herl's Girls" were caught last week. Porgy fishing, while not as hot as last year, is holding up in local spots. Long range porgy trips are yielding more, but smaller scup. The fall fluke run seems to have started, since we heard of a couple of 10 pound fluke and one 13 pounds caught on the south side last week.

Fluke seem to be on the move in Shinnecock Bay, since catches during the week were concentrated in the area from the Coast Guard Station to the Inlet. Fluke of 9½ and 10 pounds were weighed at **Molnar's Landing** late Sunday afternoon. While there are many bass in the inlet, only a few keepers were reported. Blues are scarce, but were found in 80

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feet of water, southeast of the inlet. The run of summer weaks is continuing for those fishing at Rose's Grove. Snappers are plentiful and getting larger.

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Capt. Harry Clemenz called us regarding two over night trips fished on the "Christobob" with Bob Penn and his son, Chris. On last week's trip (8/21) the group returned with 4 yellowfin to 125 pounds, 15 albacore to 50 pounds and 7 large dolphin that weighed from 22 to 44 pounds. This weekend's trip to the tails

was shortened because of squalls, after a 26 pound spearfish, a 181 pound Alison, yellowfin of 75 and 90 pounds, 8 albacore and 7 dolphins were caught. It must be noted that Chris Penn did all the reeling on both trips, and is quite experienced angler at the tender age of 16 years.

Capt. Carl Cangialosi headed the **Field Tester** to "porgy heaven" again on Sunday, after a late start due to heavy seas. The group which included Ronnieo Jow, Bill Ma, James Chow, Jack Chent and Mr. Wong, began fishing at noon and had almost filled every cooler by 3:30 p.m. Capt. Carl noted larger scup than last

week (many 12 inches). Mr. Jow told me that there were innumerable double and triple headers. Call Capt. Carl for information on booking these long range trips.

Chris Miller gave us a call, detailing catches made at **West Lake Fishing Lodge and Marina**. Capt. Ed Miller found plenty of blues and lots of short bass for Ralph Morse on a donation trip for the Montauk Harbor Association on Tuesday. The fish were caught on "West Lake" trolling Pollock Rip, Shagwong and the Point. The afternoon trip with Alex Kahayan and family was also productive for blues and bass. Jim Sheehan and

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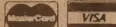
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This 38-inch bass was caught by Nick Palazzo of Westbury. He caught it on 7/25/93 at Shagwong Point in Montauk on a kastmaster.

family caught blues and bass on Thursday afternoon, as did Ed Julich and his 4 sons on Sunday morning. Capt. Miller fished offshore on Saturday with Chris Schmidt and group. The group located a 150 pound blue shark, and a 22 pound mahi mahi fishing at the second finger. They came in early when sea conditions became rough, finishing the day with blues and a keeper bass. Capt. Scotty reported loads of blues and bass at Shagwong for Mr. Rand and his 2 grandsons on Wednesday's trip. Mr. McVeigh caught 5-12 pound blues on Saturday's trip, along with some porgies and seabass. A group from Flash Dancers night clubs trolled at Shagwong and the point for a load of blues on "Rum 'n Coke" on Saturday.

Boats based at Westlake scored on the offshore fishing grounds. Thorndike Williams headed the "Miss Adventure" offshore to the 600 line on Saturday with Jeff Tullman and his group. Ed Patril released an 80 pound white marlin; Matt Tullman caught a 40 pound albacore; Reid boated a 20 pound dolphin. Pete Sullivan trolled at 620/500 where a 50 pound yellowfin was decked on "Blazer" on Saturday. Tom & Janice Tocco fished at the 500 line on Thursday for two 45 pound albacore, and a 22 pound dolphin, fishing on "Lady J." On "Lil' Ocean Annie", Capt. Al Mott and his family, Al Jr., Tommy and their friend, Nancy, trolled at 540/600 where they boated 2 albacore and released a 61 inch white marlin. Large fluke were brought to the marina's scales. On Thursday, June Heath used the latest Capt. Nappi rig to catch her 10 pound fluke; "Bulgarian" George caught a 13 pound doormat, fishing with Charlie Murphy. Finally, a very impressive porgy was caught by Doug Stratmeyer who was fishing with Champ on "Aunt Lousea." The huge scup weighed 5 pounds 3 ounces!

Capt. Steve Forsberg brought us up to

date on activities of the **Viking Fleet**, noting that night bluefishing on the **Star-ship** has been sporadic. On Monday night's trip to Cartwright, the pool was split between Jennifer Heyden and Sean McGuirk who each caught bluefish of 15.3 pounds. Most anglers caught their limit: Mike Mehrmann, John and Chris from New Berlin, N.Y. kept 20 blues, released many. Fishing was picky with stiff winds and a bad tide on Tuesday, but Dennis Conway of Whitestone caught a 13 pound blue for the pool. Capt. Steve tried Block Island waters on Wednesday, where fishing was slow at first but became excellent as the night wore on. Dennis Schultz of Floral Park caught 10, largest 16 pounds. A big crowd fished on Thursday, where cooperative blues were found at Block Island. Most anglers were well satisfied with their catch; Steven Stuckart took the pool with a blue of 15.6 pounds. Fishing turned sour on Friday night; boats fishing from various ports reported all reported a slow pick. Bad weather on Saturday hampered fishing, but Jack Sheenan of East Patchogue managed to catch a 14.8 pound blue.

Capt. Davey noted the highlights of half day fluke trips sailed on the **Starlite**. Sergio Valentini of Howard Beach and his cousins from Italy combined for 10 fluke, including the 2½ pound pool winner on Monday. On Tuesday, 5 year old Byan Kwiatowski of Rockville Center decked the 7 pound pool fluke. Nicole Engen, visiting from Arizona, caught a 6 pound fluke for the pool on Wednesday. John Mott of Yonkers decked an 8 pound fluke for the pool on Thursday. Capt. Davey, fishing on the south side for quality fluke, noted sea bass in the catch as well. Rosemary Mehrmann caught a 6 pounder on Friday; she and her husband, Mike, combined for 6 fluke. Neil Frank of Wantagh reeled in an 8 pound fluke for Sunday's pool. Capt. Davey noted that bass catches are spotty, but Al Zelerouski of Patchogue did manage a keeper on one trip.

Continuing with the report, Capt. Steve noted that local porgy fishing on the **Star** has been good, with anglers catching as many as 50 to 65 scup at Gardiners and Shagwong. Trips to Nomans have been phenomenal, with anglers filling coolers and buckets of porgies, sea bass, some blues and bass. High hook has been 120 or so a man, with light crowds making for easy fishing. Anyone planning to take this trip should be aware that light tackle is called for, leads range from 4 to 6 ounces. Offshore tuna trips are starting soon; there are a few spots available on the **Star** for the trip scheduled September 11 & 12.

We heard from Capt. Art Cortes of the charter boat, **Wet & Wild Halfback**. Capt. Art told us that on Wednesday, Robert Scarpa and sons fished the "inshore spot" (35 miles from the Point) where they caught 5 albacore to 50 pounds and a 60 pound yellowfin. A 70 pound white marlin was caught, photographed and released. On Thursday, Charlie Franzo and group managed 4 albacore to 50 pounds. Scudder Black and his son decked 4 albacore on Saturday's trip.

We heard from Chris regarding catches made on charter boats based at Cap-

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tain's Cove Marina. On Sunday, Ken Moncayo captured an 82 inch white marlin, a couple of albacore and a skipjack, fishing 40 miles south of the Point on the **Orion** with Capt. Hal Weissman. Capt. Joe Mc Bride noted that anglers fishing on **My Mate** have caught from 4 to 12 tuna on trips sailed last week, mostly longfin, with some yellowfin. On a Friday to Saturday Canyon trip with Tod Karas, Rick, Harry, Norm, John and John, a total of 35 longfin and yellowfin were caught with 350 pounds of mahi mahi.

Capt. Bill Ricca reported on last weeks trips: on Monday, Barry Weiwigoc of Riverdale managed 8 albacore to 55 pounds. Bill Romeo and family located loads of blues and bass on Tuesday. They kept bass of 18 and 19 pounds. On Wednesday, Mike Bentivegna and two grandchildren nailed 2 dozen blues, several bass including one of 42 inches, and 8 fluke in the 4 & 5 pound range. Al Giaman fished on Saturday for 5 albacore to 50 pounds. Joe Dillialeo of Yorktown Heights and his sons Joe Jr. and Mario hauled in 3 dozen blues and a mess of short bass. Capt. Ricca has a few open tuna dates. Call him for info on this.

N.Y. Islander, Denis Potvin and Ian Kross fished with Capt. Harry Glickberg on the "Jinx II" on Friday for 5 albacore, a yellowfin and 50 dolphin. Sal Perillo fished

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offshore on "Challenger" on Saturday for 4 longfin and a yellowfin; on Sunday for 4 longfin and 3 yellowfin. Jay and his brother Joe Jr. of Chicago headed the "Capt. Jay" 50 miles from the Point. They boated 6 albacore, also fought, photographed and released a white marlin. Randi Johnson and his group also fished 50 miles south of the point for 3 albacore to 50 pounds and a load of dolphin, fishing with Capt. Brian Malone on "Irish Rover."

Capt. Tom Mc Kinley reported on a two day shark trip with Jeff and his gang, fishing on **Sundowner** early last week. The group fought a mako, 2 dusksies and a big blue shark. A half day inshore trip saw plenty of action on blues and short bass for Thursday's charter. Anglers fishing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday saw very good action with albacore to 40 pounds and yellowfin to 80 pounds.

Capt. Mike Albronda called us regarding charter trips on the **Montauk**. On Tuesday's morning trip, Tom Daily and group caught 40 blues and 20 bass. Two bass to 27 pounds were kept. The Mitchell charter fished on Wednesday, keeping two bass and a half dozen green bonito. Capt. Mike noted that there was all the blues one could want. An offshore trip with Mr. Youngerg on Friday resulted in 6 longfin to 40 pounds. Charter groups fishing on the weekend did very well with

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Kevin Upton, his 12 year old son, Matthew, and friends fished with Capt. John De Maio on the *Vivienne* on Thursday. The group boated 4 albacore and a 50 pound yellowfin. The same group fished on Friday, catching 50 cod and a shark, ending the trip with some blues and a 43 pound bass. Friday evening, Ron Cantino and friends kept 4 bass, released 6.

Over at *Star Island Yacht Club*, Lenney spoke to me about catches made at the marina's charter boats, noting that most albacore and yellowfin were caught trolling at 620/480. Fred Amsgrove fished on "Herl's Girls" on Wednesday for 8 albacore to 40 pounds. Thursday's charter group caught their limit of blues, kept three bass, biggest 40 pounds. On Friday, 18 bass and 27 blues were caught; Monique Widmel caught the largest of two keepers; it weighed 47 pounds, the other weighed 40 pounds. On Saturday, Phil Pappas and group decked 13 albacore and 2 yellowfins. John Walsh and his group from Staten Island fished with Capt. Barry Kohlus on Monday, trolling at the 500 line for 20 albacore to 55 pounds with 4 small yellowfin. The Schwerer group managed 20 albacore to 50 pounds with 4 yellowfin to 35 pounds on Tuesday. The Johnsons fished on Thursday for 6 albacore to 45 pounds. Mr. Meyer's group fished on Friday for 14 albacore to 50 pounds with a yellowfin and 2 dolphin. 5 albacore to 55 pounds and a dolphin were caught on Sunday by the Di Constanzo group. The Lugowe group boated 6 albacore to 45 pounds on Tuesday; the Theodore group, 4 albacore to 40 pounds, 2 yellowfin to 30 pounds, fishing on "Piscis III." Fishing on "Three Star III," The Dwyer's boated 9 albacore to 45 pounds on Friday, the Garcia's landed 4 albacore to 40 pounds on Saturday. A group of anglers from Norwalk, Ct. fished at the Butterfish Hole on Saturday where Steve Cenagiempo fought a 229 pound hammerhead shark on "Yellowfin."

Capt. Jack Passie of the **Windy** fished inshore on Monday when Neil Van Ginhoven and his group caught two bass to 30 pounds. The rest of the week was spent offshore: Ron Marloank managed 5 albacore, a yellowfin and 12 dolphin on Thursday. 22 albacore a yellowfin and 3 dolphin were caught on an extended day trip on Friday. The French party decked 10 albacore to 55 pounds and a 22 pound dolphin on Saturday. The Hopta party from Philadelphia caught 2 yellowfin to 65 pounds and a 45 pound albacore on Sunday.

Capt. Fritz Hubner of the **Mistress Too** fished offshore all week, trolling 50 miles southeast of the point. Tod Nekrutman of Centereach caught 6 albacore to 51 pounds on Monday; Roger Reed managed 9 albacore to 55 pounds on Tuesday; Mike Morgan of Connecticut decked 11 albacore to 45 pounds and 2 dolphins 18 and 19 pounds on Wednesday. On Thursday, William and Robert and a group from Concept Air Conditioning of Maspeth nailed 8 albacore to 40 pounds, plus 3 8 to 12 pound dolphin. Dennis Scalla and friends from Brooklyn worked on 13 albacore to 40 pounds and one dolphin. Al Herman, Peter and Charles Betz with "Chavo" Santiago fought 7 albacore to 40 pounds and an 8 pound dolphin on Saturday. The week ended when Gus Mantera of East Patchogue nailed 2 small yellowfin and 2 albacore to 35 pounds.

We received a call from Capt. Michael Leeds of the "Fantasea II" concerning an overnight trip to the fishtails last Monday. The group which included Lauren and Caryn Leeds, Richard Arluck, Mitch Friedman and Ted Roland fished both the east and west walls of the tails. They caught 15 albacore to 60 pounds, landed a 75 pound yellowfin (a larger one was lost), 3 dolphin to 21 pounds. An 86 pound mako hit a pink doorknob lure. Thanks for calling this in.

Marion Yakaboski called to tell us about a fabulous first offshore trip enjoyed by the "Retainer" crew on Monday (Aug. 23). Besides a good catch of longfin albacore and dolphin, Matt Yakaboski brought a blue marlin to the boat after an hour's fight. The billfish, estimated at 4-500 pounds, was released. The crew included Capt. Frank Yakaboski, his son Matt, Pete and his son, Ryan, Tom, Dick, Andy and Marion. Nice talking to you, Marion.

TJ called us about catches made from boats docked at **Gone Fishing Marina**. On Tuesday's offshore trip on the **Caprice**, Mike Dorante and group had action with blue sharks and dolphin to 20 pounds, fishing at the fingers. Wednesday's bass trip with Gene (soon to be married) Constantin resulted in 10 bass to 24 pounds. Dave Sylvester and group fished the Race on Thursday, were blues and bass to 23 pounds were encountered. Fishing alone on Friday, Steve Tholl had good action. Although bass were picky, he managed 4 to 22 pounds. Bass were hard to hook on Saturday, but Al Senetra and his group had bass to 23 pounds with bluefish.

Continuing with his report, TJ noted that offshore action remains very good south of the 600 line, to the 400 line with albacore, dolphin and yellowfin. On Friday, while albacore fishing, the crew of the

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Capt. Phil Lewis of the charter boat, **Adios** called concerning last week's fishing efforts. Monday's inshore charter trip resulted in one keeper bass, several blues. On Tuesday morning, Henry Rickmers and children fished inshore. His daughter outfished all the guys, catching the only keeper bass. Sharking was slow with Dan Giresiber on Thursday. One blue shark was fought, a swordfish and big mako spotted but not caught. Jim Ursini and group fished inshore on Saturday because of bad weather. In the late after-

noon, 10 year old Kelly Barta fished with her dad, catching 5 blues to his 1 on a trip that was cut short due to the squalls. On Sunday, Mr. Asami boated 4 albacore, on Capt. Lewis' first offshore trip this season.

Capt. Joe Mc Bride told us that charter groups have been managing 4 to 12 longfin tuna per trip on the **My Mate**. In addition, a few small yellowfin and some dolphin have been trolled. Groups that fished this week included Mike Schoen and friends on Monday; Ron Miller and group on Tuesday, Roger Grieco and friends on Wednesday and Mike Duggan and friends on Thursday. Thirty longfin and 4 yellowfin were caught on Friday/Saturday's Canyon trip, as well as 350 pounds of mahi mahi with Tod Karas, Ricky, Harry, Norm, John and John on an excellent trip with lots of action. Three longfin and 2 yellowfin were nailed on Sunday with Ken and Tim Yrvis, Tom O'Reilly, Eddie Smith and his two sons, Jim and Eddie.

Capt. Mike Vegessi called us with the highlights of trips sailed on the **Lazybones**. Eight hangers were displayed on Monday morning. The pool was shared

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Capt. Jake Nessel called regarding a couple of fluke charters on the **sport-fisher**. On Saturday, Justin Rosenthal and group decked 17 fluke ranging between 3 and 7 1/2 pounds. Sunday's trip, arranged by Mike Donegan resulted in 30 fluke for 5 anglers. Largest weighed 5 1/2 pounds; there was also a 5 pounder. Beginning September 7th, the **Sportfisher** will sail daily on an open boat basis for doormat fluke. Since this is a 6 man boat, space will fill up quickly; reservations are absolutely necessary. Call Capt. Nessel for info and reservations.

We heard from Capt. Wayne King regarding last week's trips on the **King Wayne**. On Monday Fred Esposito and group nailed 6 longfin and some skipjack. Tuesday's half day trip with Bill Horowitz saw good fishing. A couple dozen blues were kept; about 30 bass, many 34 inches, were released. On Wednesday's open boat cod trip, 16 anglers caught 100 codfish. Tony Talasko of Lake Ronkonoma had the pool with a 42 pound cod. He, Pete and Ray combined for 29 cod. Henri Enrique of Miami took second in the pool with a 30 pound pollock. On Thursday's charter trip, Bill Beclsen and 9 friends fished at the same spot for 60 cod to 28 pounds. Friday seemed to be kids day. In the morning Mr. O'Keith and family (10 kids) trolled 45 blues and 2 dozen bass. In the afternoon Mr. Lezitas and group of 20 kids and 5 adults trolled 30 blues and a couple dozen bass. On the weekend, Steve Rudnic and a group from the Manhattan Supreme Court caught longfin on Saturday, as did Brett Cornor and his group on Sunday.

Capt. Tom Fay called to tell us that the **Bluefin I** has been concentrating on bass fishing this summer, keeping about 30 this month, with 13 keepers last week! Largest bass caught this month weighed a whopping 50 1/2 pounds, was caught on August 12 after a shark trip with Artie Dunn and Tom Gleason. On August 21, James Marchetti's group decked bass of 39, 35 and 33 pounds. Next day, Dave Slater handled bass of 41 1/2 and 35 pounds. Bill Bryde and his 13 year old son fished with Capt. Fay on Friday morning. The teenager was in the chair when a big bass hit. It weighed 48 pounds back at the dock. Capt. Tom noted that he has been

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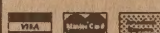
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Capt. Mike Brumm of the **Daybreaker** has been fishing offshore every day, returning with 1 to 3 fish per angler (6 to 16 per trip). Best trip last week was on Friday, when Jim Stoleworthy and his group of air controllers caught 16 longfin and a 60 pound mako (released). Other makos struck at trolled lures but were not hooked up. Martin Mills and friends caught 9 longfin on Saturday. Fishing was slower on Sunday.

Capt. Bill Urvalek concentrated on tuna on most trips sailed on the **Karen Sue** last week. On Monday, Phil Brogan's group caught 10 longfins; Paul Marino decked 8 on Tuesday; Vince Murphy landed 8 on Thursday. The Liebert Co. fished both on the **Karen Sue** and the "Merlin" on Saturday, combining for 13 tuna. Fishing was slower on Sunday for Jim Callahan, 2 longfin and a couple of small yellowfin were decked. Friday's fluke trip with Joe Radd saw slow fluking but the group kept 4 fluke over 16 inches.

SOUTH FORK

Thom Speckenbach at **Speck's Bait & Tackle** reported decent summer fishing. He noted that there is lots of activity with summer weakfish in the Peconics, particularly from South Ferry, past Buoy 16 to Rose's Grove. Best catches have been made on plain hooks baited with squid. One angler checked in with 3 weaks to 22 inches last Wednesday; Mr. Nathan also has put a dent in the weakfish population. Snappers are everywhere and getting larger. Anglers fishing Shinnecock jetty have been blitzed with sharp toothed Spanish mackerel, 22-24 inches, that have broken off lures with their sharp teeth. Divers have seen plenty of bass at the jetty, but apparently they are hesitant to eat.

Fluke was decent at the East channel on Sunday morning. Dean Peterson and Dave Stoccard caught 17 and 20 inch fluke there on Sunday morning. One group of anglers tried for bass at the Gut on Friday night, reporting good action since they caught 10 bass. When they returned to the same spot on Saturday, the fish would not cooperate. Anglers fishing offshore report decent tuna fishing. Bob and Phil fished on **Misty Blue** over night on Thursday, trolling the Middle Grounds. They returned with 2 allisons, 150 and 175 pounds, and released a small swordfish. They also loaded up with dolphin fish, catching 30 at one lobster pot. Trigger fish are still available at the jetty, the canal and on the Bridge wreck. Sea bass have moved into a near inshore wreck.

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John Capuano called in the report for **Hampton Bays Good Ground Sports Center**. He noted that snappers are all

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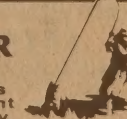
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Over at **Altenkirch Precision Tackle**, Rich Parisen gave us a rundown of activities by his customers. He noted that there are plenty of snappers in the canal with an occasional kingfish. Weakas are still hot at Rose's Grove, with an occasional kingfish. Some anglers are having luck with porgies, fishing at Jessups. Although bass fishing was generally slow, Rich heard of some catches in the Inlet on Wednesday and Thursday, when eels accounted for bass to 35 pounds by jetty fishermen and on live baits for those drifting by boat.

Best action with blues was in 70 to 80 feet of water, about 3 miles east of the inlet. Spanish mackerel are in the picture, caught from the beach or by trolling small spoons and feathers (deep). Plenty of albacore are offshore (past 41 fathoms) with a few white marlin. Those chunking the tails report 3-4 but yellowfin at night, albacore and yellowfin trolling during the day. There is still an extraordinary amount of dolphin fish. Ed Thompson set up for sharks in 155 feet, east of the inlet, early last week. He kept a 125 pound mako; fought and released two others, one was estimated at 80 pounds, the other at 350 pounds. Ed saw no reason to kill more makos than he could eat. He also released a blue and brown shark. On the fluke scene, Joe used a live snapper to tempt a 6 pound fluke, fishing the inlet on Saturday.

The fluke picture brightened late Sunday afternoon when a couple of big fluke were brought into **Molnar's Landing**. John Gross, fishing with Greg Nerrill on "Gem VII", captured a doormat of 9½ pounds. Shortly after, Kevin Mackey showed up with a 10 pound trophy, caught on "Vickeye Ann." Both fish were caught east of the Ponquogue Bridge; each measured 28 inches. They hit at the top of the incoming tide. Prior to these catches, we heard from Lanny Molnar that fluke fishing was excellent east of the Bridge (from the Coast Guard Station to the Inlet). On Saturday, Capt. Arlie Lach fished with Peter Trink and group for 20 keepers to 4 pounds. Robert and Linda Montgomery kept 12 on Saturday, 10 on Sunday. Mike and Miller Butler kept 12 on Thursday; Rich Nalley decked 3 fluke in 20 minutes of fishing on Sunday.

Anglers fishing from **Molnar's Landing** report few bass large enough to keep, although Spin and Marty did catch 10 bass to 35 inches drifting clam bellies on "Bad Company." Rich Nalley fished with Fred and Naomi Sopenoff on Monday on "Wet & Wild." The group first caught a dozen weaks to 3 pounds, fishing in the Peconics, then decked 7 fluke to 4 pounds in Shinnecock Bay. Offshore, Capt. Jeff Resling and Shorty Durand took a group from the Polo Grounds offshore on the "Lucky 7-11" last Tuesday. They returned with 12 dolphin to 31½ pounds, fishing at 40 fathoms. Mike Butler, Tim Wilson and Rich Braunstein fished at 50 fathoms on "Fish tails" on Friday. They

over; there are plenty of small bass but few keepers. Weakfish are taking sand worms drifted at Rose's Grove in the Peconics. Locally, blues are scarce. Trigger fish can be found at the inlet or under the Bridge. While fluke were spotty on the weekend, best catches were made from the Coast Guard Station to the Bridge, with many anglers catching their limit. Anglers fishing at the Canal are in "Snapper City". Offshore anglers are locating plenty of dolphin, fishing under de-

bris or at lobster pots at 41 fathoms.

John informed us that there will be a snapper derby, sponsored by **Hampton Bays Good Ground Sports Center**, with fishing from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Shinnecock Canal on Saturday September 4. There is no entry fee, but anglers who want to participate must sign up before 10:30 a.m. at the store. Kids through 12 years old are eligible to participate. Fishing will take place on the west side of the canal, from RR bridge to Mon-

caught 5 yellowfin to 60 pounds, an albacore and a 38 pound wahoo. A couple of white marlin were dropped.

The annual Molnar's Landing Snapper Derby was a huge success. Winners of the first fishing session of the age 3,4 & 5 year old's was Keith Tonnessen with a snapper that measured 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Tara Fallo came in second with one of 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; Danielle Raynor came in third with a 7 inch snapper. Each winner received a winner's ribbon. In the second fishing session for 3,4 & 5 year old kids, Pete Keenan caught an 8 inch snapper for first place, Madeline Seraphine came in second with a 7 inch snapper. They were awarded winners ribbons.

The next group of kids: ages 6,7,8 & 9 years, won trophies for their winning efforts. First place trophy went to Meagan Bourgal who caught an 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch snapper. Lauren Tonnessen was second with an 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch fish; Mike La Londe was third with an 8 inch fish and Kelly Tonnessen finished in fourth place. The good sportsmanship trophy was awarded to Timmy Wilson. Hillary Seraphine caught an 8 inch snapper to win a "Wing Thing" in the age 10, 11 & 12 year division. Mike Spand won the rubber boat in the raffle. Everybody pigged out at the great barbecue prepared by Judy Schoerlin. All had a good time!

Capt. Tony Rizzo reported a good week of fishing on the **Mad Hatter**. On Monday, Mike Zurl fished offshore for 6 albacore, 2 yellowfin and 4 dozen dolphin, largest 23 pounds. An inshore charter saw good action with bass, some blues and Spanish mackerel all taken on tubes trolled on the incoming tide. An over night trip on Thursday was productive when 3 allison to 125 pounds were chunked with a dozen albacore. Some albacore were trolled as were small yellowfin that were tagged and released. A group from the New York Sportfishing Federation, Charlie Johnson, Greg Maynard and Dean Delle Donne were on this trip, fishing at the Middle Grounds. Capt. Tony noted that he has only a few days open for tuna fishing. He is booking fall bass charters. Call now to get best dates.

Capt. Jim Delano continues to put a dent in the fluke population fishing with charter groups on the **Peace of Mind**. On Monday, Dennis Borman and family caught their limit of 24 fluke on a half day trip. Tom Kurinski and friends decked 20 on Thursday's half day trip. Auggie Dunst and friends caught 30 fluke on Sunday's trip. Capt. Jim noted that most fluke weigh 3 to almost 4 pounds, and that fishing is hot. On Friday, Capt. Jim took a bussman's holiday, fishing with Ken, Jerry and Bob on "Nut-N". They located 35 dolphin fish to 25 pounds at 40 fathoms in very hot fishing.

South Shore Report

By Fred Golofaro

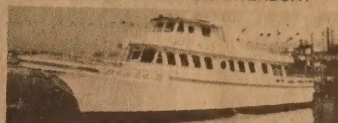
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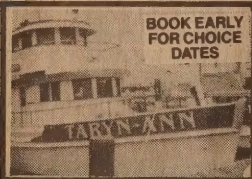
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"mixed bag" species like sea bass, porgies, blowfish, triggerfish and kingfish. Weakfish are also getting a fair amount of attention as we approach the "final" week of summer. The offshore scene continues to heat up, with a few bigger yellowfins and a couple of bigeyes adding to good

numbers of longfins at the canyons. Further inshore, within 15 to 20 miles of the beach, skipjack tuna, dolphin (reported as close as seven miles) and some small yellowfins hold the interest of trollers. And these inshore waters are not without some surprises. On Sunday, the crew on "Anne II" found a 493-pound blue marlin just 15 miles south of Fire Island Inlet. At the docks, snappers are nearing their peak, crabbing is good in some areas, not so good in others, but they are big. Boatmen have the edge in the blue claw department. Weakfish are in mainland creeks and canals and are being taken from some docks in the early morning hours.

Also, our apologies to anyone who left a message on the Fisherman Hotline prior to Saturday night. A loss of power as a result of the storm knocked out the message machine and erased all prior reports.

MORICHES BAY/INLET

Gary at Silly Lilly Fishing Station in East Moriches said that with the last of the incoming current occurring in the early morning, the best fluke fishing was had

by those who got an early start. Labor Day weekend will see prime tides at mid-day, which will allow more people to take advantage of the better fishing. The best fluke of the week went to Dennis Demoor who worked the inlet for a half a dozen summer flaties, including a doormat of 7.15 pounds. Pikes Inlet, Harts Cove, the Elbow and the East and West cuts all produce fish when the tide is right. Some 2 to 3 pound weaks showed up in fluke catches this week, and mixed bag action should be getting underway in the hole between buoys 42 and 43. Triggerfish are in both inlets and around many of the buoy chains. Good snapper action and plenty of crabs near buoy 27.

Charlie at Smith Point Bait & Tackle reported that Matt Rechet and Mike Denisi scored with a pair of 3 to 4 pound class weaks from shore in Patchogue. Weaks from 2 to 5 pounds are hitting squid and sandworms at the top of the ebb near buoy 17. Due to a medical emergency concerning one of the shops regular customers, there will be a special used tackle sale at the shop this Saturday, September 4. Included are rods, reels and plugs for boat and surf.

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reported that bay temperatures up around 80 degrees, the better fluke action has been confined to the last half of the incoming current. Good tides this past weekend were early and late. Saturday's late afternoon charter saw some good fluke action as a result of the good tide conditions as Beth McAdams put away a 4.15 pound pool winner. Rosie asked that we let her customers know that the boat will be moving to Claudio's Dock in Greenport on Friday, October 1 to take advantage of the fine fall fishing on the North Fork then. They are already booking reservations for striped bass trips at (516) 395-3210.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

John Mantione at **J&J Tackle in Patchogue** said that weakfish are getting the most attention now, with the buoy 31 area, south of Sayville, the focal point of activity. Chris Daniels went no further than the foot of River Avenue on Saturday morning where he proceeded to feed live killies to 6 weakfish, including one keeper. John also passed along the winners of the Patchogue Village Snapper Derby held on Saturday. In the 6-10 age bracket, Andrea Nudo took the top spot. Eric Ventieri took first place honors in the 11-15 bracket. Some good mixed bag catches of porgies, blowfish and kingfish this week near buoy 8, south of West/East Islands on clams and clam chum. Sean McCormick landed his first fish among a mixed bag catch of weaks, porgies and blowfish off of Heckscher during the week. Snappers are fair but crabbing is excellent in numbers and size.

Rick Torre at **Capt. T's** said weaks slowed some this week but fair numbers

were caught on some days at buoy 31 and south of West Sayville. A few bigger weaks near Ocean Beach. Snappers have become a pest if you are looking for weaks. ice porgies and blowfish near buoy 8 on clams and clam chum, and the West Sayville Dock continues to produce snappers, along with some fluke and weaks. Best crabbing is in boats, especially on the flats around East Island.

At J&R Sports, Rod reported good mixed bag catches of weaks, porgies, blowfish and kingfish from Heckscher, Ocean Beach and buoys 8 and 10. Use clams, squid and sandworms and chum with clams or bunker. Fluking hasn't been great in the bay but there was a shot of some nice fish right outside the mouth of

the inlet near the end of the week. Good snapper action from local docks, along with a few weaks in the early a.m.

At **J&H in Oakdale**, James reported that he caught some fluke at the Elbow in Moriches Bay on Saturday. Locally, fluking seems to have slowed with not many keepers in the bay. Snappers to 11 inches are coming from docks in West Sayville, Sayville and in the Connetquot River. Skipjacks and dolphin are at the NA Buoy and lots of longfin are being reported from the Middle Ground.

Tony Contarino at **Burnett's Tackle & Marina in Bay Shore** reported a catch of 20 weaks in the 19 to 20 inch range for the crew on "Hot Tuna." They worked near Ocean Bay Park with squid strips. Weaks from 14 to 18 inches are at Heckscher and east to West Sayville. Best bet for some keeper fluke is the inlet or back in the bay from buoy 7 to 10 near West and Dickerson Channels. The "Bandit" worked the rip at the Thumb for 11 fluke in the 3 to 3½ pound class on the weekend. Porgies, sea bass, blowfish and kingfish are all a possibility in mixed bag catches at buoys 8 through 12, West Channel and Kismet. The Thumb has a good population of triggerfish. Offshore action has been within 15 miles of the beach or at the canyons. The inshore activity has been made up mostly of skippies and dolphin with a few small yellowfin mixed in. Art Bordino on "Top Hat" returned from the canyon with a 208 big-eye and a 120 pound yellowfin taken on live squid during a Thursday/Friday trip. Bill Martin returned from the edge of Hudson Canyon with a fine 210 pound bigeye in the cockpit of his "Cloud Nine" on Sunday. The catch was made all the more impressive because it was whipped on a 30 TW, after jumping on a Sevenstrand Green Machine. Fisherman staffer Capt.



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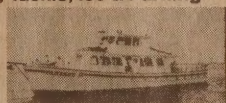
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John Raguso worked the cockpit and handled the gaffing chores, while Doug Bell did the rod work.

From Willie Koncelik at **Willie K Tackle in Bay Shore**, we heard that Tom Desorio and family aboard "Sea Hawk" put away a mixed bag of 5 keeper fluke, 20 porgies, and a bunch of sea bass, blowfish and snappers near Ocean Beach on Thursday. They used sands and squid. On the "Four Pleasure" Saturday, it was a mixed bag of fluke, sea bass, blowfish blues and jacks for Mark and Joan Werker. On Saturday evening, Steve Toomey cast a small bucktail and squid combo from the bulkhead at the mouth of a local canal. He was rewarded with 4 nice weaks to 4 pounds and 1 keeper fluke. Lots of snappers from local docks and the marina, along with some weaks

erally and late in the day. Crabbing is very good on the flats and at night under the Captree Bridge. "Reel Tuff" returned from a Friday/Saturday trip to the Tails with a nice catch of big yellowfins, longfins and dolphin.

Capt. Neil Delaney of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** said that fluking has not been as consistent as it was but there are still some very good days. Friday was one of those days as John Amaro led the way with 32 fluke, 12 of which qualified as keepers. Friday's fishing took place in the State Channel. Beginning this Sunday, the boat will be sailing for blackfish Sunday through Tuesday (7:30 a.m.), and for fluke the rest of the week.

Over at **Captree**, Capt. Joe on the open boat **Jib VI** reported quite a few weaks on the 6 to 10 p.m. trips, with most

in the 2 to 3 pound range, but a few 6 to 7 pounders among them. Also, a few kingfish showing up in the catches. Fluking is up and down in the keeper department but there is still plenty of action. Sunday's \$100 pool was won by 5-year old Joe Deptula.

Charlie Beach headed a group from Ryan's Pub on Sunday's trip aboard the **Lois Ann**. Charlie reported plenty of action with a keeper ratio of 1:7.

On the **Capt. Joseph**, Capt. Tony reported morning trips on the weekend were far better than the afternoons. The key was the tide. Best fishing has been on the last of the flood and start of the ebb. Saturday morning saw 40 keeper fluke and 75 sea bass from 3/4 to a pound (the largest was a 2 pounder). Sunday's a.m. trip saw 65 keeper fluke and 25 sea bass come over the rail.

On the **Terminator**, Tony reported excellent bluefishing on Tuesday and Wednesday near the Mud Buoy. Saturday's trip for Tom Pienkos saw just 1 yellowfin taken and two dropped. On Sunday, Brian Legerwotz's group trolled 4 yellowfin to 35 pounds. Fishing was done in 140 feet of water southeast of the inlet.

Capt. Carl Passero of the open boat **Miss Captree** reported an improvement in the fluking on the weekend a.m. trips. Sunday was the best with 30 to 40 keepers taken. These trips are also seeing sea bass, triggerfish and snappers to a pound mixing in. Lots of porgies are in the bay and bottom fishing is beginning to really shape up with some life reported on the outside reef as well. Watch for the boat's special ocean bottom trips coming later this month. In the meantime, fluke remain the target, with special ocean doormat trips slated for next Tuesday and Thursday (9/7 & 9/9).

Pete Mercier at **Captree Bait & Tackle** reported loads of nice snappers from the piers, along with some jacks and northern barracuda. There was a blitz of Spanish mackerel at the Thumb on Monday as Angelo Ariano had them to 3 1/2 pounds. Sunday morning saw Bob bush towing his wire and umbrellas at the inlet for 7 stripers, including 1 keeper. There has been a good showing of bigger fluke just outside the inlet along the edge of the East Bar.

At **Augie's in Babylon**, Larry Druyan reported that he trolled up some skippies, along with a yellowfin and a dolphin near the NOAA Buoy during the week. On a larger scale, Don Archer on the "Marlin" kept his crew very busy during a weekend trip to the canyon. In addition to 10 longfins, a dozen dolphin, a white marlin and an 80 pound yellowfin, they also caught and released a blue marlin estimated at over 800 pounds! In the bay, good porgy action at the WR Buoy, Kismet and buoy 8. A few blackfish have been picked from Kismet.

It was George Stevenson at **Babylon Fishing Station** who reported that 493 pound blue marlin taken just 15 miles from the inlet on Sunday. The "Anne II" and her crew were returning from a canyon trip on which they had boated 7 longfins when they came across the big billfish. Elsewhere on the offshore scene, the "Miss Marion" had longfin to 65 pounds and some dolphin on a canyon trip. Skip-

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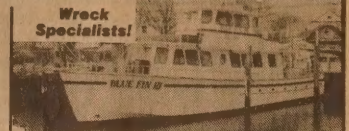
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pies, dolphin and small yellowfin are still being trolled around the NA Buoy. In the bay, quite a few weaks reported this week from buoys 8 through 13, Heckscher and Snakehill Channel. Fluking is still mostly shorts.

Carl Miller at Lindenhurst Bait & Tackle reported that the mouth of the inlet saw a shot of some bigger fluke on Saturday. Same day there were some big blues in the white water on the West Bar of the inlet. Good porgy action on the Mercy, Kismet and buoy 8 for those chumming with clams and using clams and sandworms. Some weaks at Ocean Beach during the week. Crabbing is excellent and snappering is "okay." A diver customer reported that the Oregon was packed with cod this week. Bonito are now mixed with the skippies and dolphin at the NA and some small yellowfins were south of the Linda.

Bob Rose at Bob's Tackle in Amity Harbor said that mixed bag action for porgies, blowfish and kingfish is solid at the Copiague Hole. Use some clam chum and worms, clams and squid for bait. Early morning is the time for weaks in the State channel near Gilgo, and Crippled Herring Jigs are the lure. Fluking has been decent in the State Channel from Amity Cut to Zachs Bay, with a fair number of 14-inch fish in the catches.

Capt. Gary on the charter boat Wave-length reported that Sunday's trip for Tony's Landscaping produced a mix of skipjacks, green bonito and dolphin. Later, while sharking near Rockpile #3, a great white shark estimated at well over 1000 pounds visited the slick but declined a dinner invitation before moving off to parts unknown.

West End Report

By Rich Johnson

For Week Ending Sunday, 8/29/93

Fishing this week has been very good with many boats making the trek to the west for larger fluke in the Ambrose Channel and the Jersey Coast. Other boats are making the journey to the Canyon for yellowfin and longfin which are now starting to cooperate more readily.

Bill over at Comb's Bait and Tackle reports that the weakfishing to the east is still steady on Comb's custom tied bucktails. The State Channel to the east is still a good bet for fluke on spearing but the fisherman using bucktails are doing well if you know what you're doing.

From Old Harbor Marina in Seaford Skip reports that some anglers are getting their limits at the entrance to Zach's Bay and the Black Banks. The north end of Haunt's Creek into Merrick Bay is also likely to produce the same. The east side of the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh Bridges will produce plenty of action with shorts and the bait doesn't seem to really matter!

Bucktails in Florence Beach will give you a shot at a couple of keepers as will the stretch between Buoy's 14 through 10 and the Four corners. Small blues are chasing big snappers in the bay at Merrick and Zach's. Finding crabs is tough with all the grass in the bay and the key is to find sandy area. The docks have a lot of pressure on them and the crabbing is

slow. A 3 foot blue shark was caught in the surf at Field 6 at Jones Beach.

Marie at Wanser's Bait and Tackle reports that there are more keeper fluke now and the snappers are getting bigger day by day.

Over in Wantagh at Causeway Bait and Tackle, Bobby says that fluking is the same but the good news is the weakfishing in the State Channel from Zach's Bay eastward. Live snappers are accounting for 4 to 6-pound weakies. There is also some bass action on small poppers along the banks to any deep creek on the top of the tide just around dark. Broad Creek and Haunt's Creek will suffice. Snapper fishing is very good and



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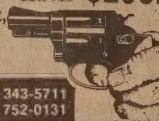
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Christopher Fink, age 4, is getting a good start on his fishing career by fishing with his dad and grand-dad on a rental skiff from Old Harbor Marina in Sea-ford. Chris caught this fluke on his first fishing trip.

along with yours truly and a host of good hearted people for the cause. We fished west of Jones around the Ambrose Channel entrance to the Hudson and the Coney Island Flats.

There were 62 keepers this fine and beautiful day with Zippy winning the pool with a 3 1/2 pounder. Hank Patterson and Harrison Chiaken had a field day with 16 fish between them with 9-year-old Harrison out dueling Hank by a long shot. As a matter of fact both Bill Purkins and producer Harold Wunderlich had keepers this year with Harold winning the long awaited shootout between the two. John Richy had a good day with 4 large keepers to take home and he also released many fish that were legitimate keepers.

Capt. Pat did a fine job today and we would like to especially thank him and his crew for a fine effort and their generosity towards a fine and worthy cause to Send a Kid Fishing. Everyone had a great time and came home with some fish for a fine dinner.

Word from **Sea Isle** is that the offshore news is fairly good with some fine catches made in the Hudson Canyon. Dolphin are at the J/I Buoy and the H/A is seeing some action with small yellowfin, white marlin and dolphin.

Inside the fluking remains the same and porgies have shown up at the Jones Beach Piers and the Coast Guard Station.

Fishing on the **Super Spray II** has been very good this week in the back bays and the ocean inlets with fish 4 to 12 pounds. Rod Harris had a 5-pound fluke this week and James Giatommazzo had

a 3 pounder. Bluefishing has been on par with the weather. When the weather is good so is the fishing.

Donna at **Donart Custom Rods** says that the inshore fishing is very good with fluke in the inlets. Bluefishing picked up with fish to 20 pounds at the Cholera and Three Sisters. These big alligators were trolled on crippled Alwives. Offshore the action is heating up with yellowfin at the Canyon along with longfin and dolphin on almost anything green/yellow. Saturday Rich Hunter on the Lazy H had Spanish mackerel, bonito and skipjack on the Three Sisters. Earlier this week Steve Gorranon on the Magic Marker, a 20 foot Steiger saw an estimated 20 foot great white around the boat for an hour while he tried to entice it into a meal at the H/A Buoy.

On the **Codfather** Mike Barnett called to say that on Wednesday Jesse and a friend fished for limits of fluke with fish to 7 pounds. On Friday Bill Turnbull sailed solo for fluke to 6 pounds and Saturday's trip saw the Jack Griffin Group sail for 10 bluefish in tough fishing conditions with fish to 12 pounds. All the fishing this week was way to the west. On Sunday, the Tom Brennan Group of four fished southeast of Jones Inlet on an offshore trip for 22 skipjack, 10 dolphin and a 20-pound yellowfin.

On the **Paper Clip** the fishing in the Canyon was very good with 25 longfin, 20 dolphin up to 20 pounds and a white marlin. They also had a yellowfin of 80 pounds and 7 blue sharks. This was an overnight on Wednesday and Thursday. They fished the West Wall around the 100 and 200 square lines.

Down in **Point Lookout** the word from Eileen at **Ed's Fishing Station** was that the keeper ratio is improving even the wind this week kept the boats in the bay. The bridges are giving up triggerfish, sea bass and blackfish now on fiddlers and squid.

Snappers are every where in the bays and flounder have reappeared at the Coast Guard Station and in Swift Creek.

Next door at **Scotty's Marina** the word from Tom was that many boats were blown out with the wind this week. Though fluke catches were excellent this week with some limits showing again in the rental skiffs. 2 to 3-pound fish are not rare.

Mixed bags are in the area behind the golf course and at Buoy 19 with flounder, sea bass and porgies in the mix. Strippers have been plugged at the top of the tide around dark here also in the early am before the sun rises too high.

Fishing on the **Capt. Al** has been very good this week with excellent action on the sea bass. Fishing has taken place on the Fire Island Reef, Hempstead Reef and off Long Beach. Triggerfish and small dolphin make up the mixed bag. The night bluefishing has been hot and cold at the Three Sisters.

Walter on the **Miss Point Lookout** called to say that the bluefishing at night has been up and down with the weather and the strong winds. The Fluking is doing fairly well with some days shorts and some days keepers. Sunday saw 50 keepers in the morning and 20 keepers in the afternoon with heavy boat traffic. The full moon coming up has had a lot of do

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with it Walter feels. There will be no night trip for blues on September 6, due to Walter's daughters sweet sixteen. Happy Birthday!

Dennis from the **Marie III** called to say that fishing to the west has been very good. Tuesday's bluefish charter saw excellent catches with fish to 9 pounds. Wednesday's ocean fluke special sailed for 250 keepers to 4 pounds and was the best day of the year. Friday saw blues at the Mud Buoy with a super catch of fish to 9 pounds with fares averaging 10 to 20 fish to cull their limits from. Saturday's ocean fluke charter had 175 keepers with fish to 5 pounds and on Sunday they had 175 keepers to 3½ pounds fishing to the west.

On the **Night Hawk** fishing on the 1/2 day trips has seen plenty of action and 20 to 35 fish per man to get their limits. Morning trips have been slightly better than the afternoon trips this week. Wednesday's ocean fluke special was the best in ten years and Sunday's ocean fluke special to the west was very good with 100 keepers to 4 pounds. The boat will be sailing it's normal 1/2 day trips on Labor Day Weekend at 7:30 am and 12:30 pm.

In **Bay Park at Bay Park Fishing Station** Mark reports that fluking was excellent at the Ambrose Channel with many limits taken fishing the edges. Spearing and killies did the most damage although small bucktails will work on the slack tide.

John and George Psemalis on the "4 of Us" had small tuna, skipjack and dolphin on the troll at the H/A Buoy. On the "Tight Lines" Alex and Danny Schlomm had a 150-pound yellowfin, 9 longfin and several

dolphin at the Fish Tails earlier this week. The longfin were taken on the west side and the yellowfin at night on the east side.

Nick Savene on the **No Time** had several good charters this week to the Ambrose and many limits were taken by his fares. He still has choice dates available.

In **Lynbrook at Beckmann's Bait and Tackle** the news was of bluefishing

picking up at the Cholera and at 17 Fathoms. Trolling and jigging is working for the blues. There was also a sighting of a large school of triggerfish feeding on the surface in the area of the Cholera!

Bass fishing picked up slightly on live eels on the West Bar of Jones Inlet. Clam chummers are still picking a way at fish at the bridges but no keepers.

Fluking is getting a better keeper ratio this week and the snappers are very strong and offshore there are a few longfins at the Virginia.



**Greg Efthimiou caught this
striper fishing a back creek in
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NEW YORK BIGHT

In **Howard Beach at Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** the reports were of good fluking with Marion Weunsch catching an 11.8-pound fluke near Breezy Point on a squid/spearing combo. Anna Lamia fishing on "Lenny's Lemon" had an 11.5 pounder near Floyd Bennett Field.

Weakfishing is super in J-Bay and the Bennett area as well on sandworms while drifting. The Marine Parkway Bridge is giving up weakies as well. Sandworms are the ticket here and the fish are up to 6 pounds. Blues are spotty but the snappers are every where. Porgy fishing is picking up near the North Channel Bridge and fluke are coming from the same area.

On the **Capt. Mike** the fishing is excellent with great fishing all this week near the Ambrose Channel with pool winners going up to 8 pounds. There is plenty of action and many fares getting their limits.

Over at **Cross Bay Fishing Station** the weakfishing is the big item in town with Tommy and John Vario fishing with

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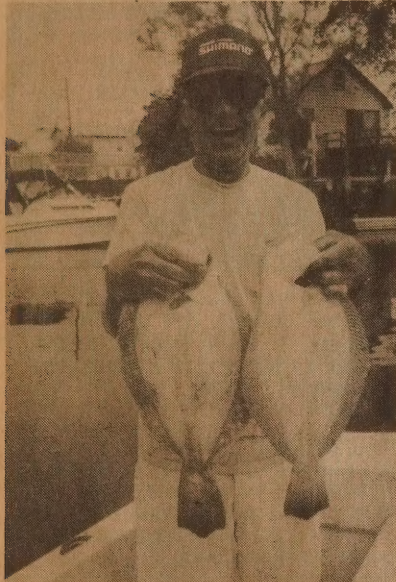


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Here's Phil of Sea Isle, with a couple of nice fluke taken in Jones Inlet. Photo courtesy of Sea Isle in Freeport.

Ralph Giordano had 40 weaks and 30 fluke this week while fishing with friends. Weakfish moved into Floyd Bennett and fluke are near Louie's Pier and Buoy 16.

On the **Lady L** the fishing this week was very good sailing earlier this week for blues to 13 pounds and bass to 14 pounds for Mitch and Bill. On Friday the crew sailed for bass and blues on the troll and jigged up around Norton's Point.

On Sunday the Tin Can Grounds were the place to be with 38 blues and 14 bass to 16 pounds. Rudy says the fishing is the best in years!

On the **Zephyr V** fluking this week was good fishing the Scotland Channel with fish to 10 pounds. Tom had a 6 pounder, Tom Smith had a 9 pounder and Wyshi Hibashima had a 10 pounder.

In **Gerritsen Beach** on the **Elsie K. Princess** the fishing was fabulous with 200 to 300 keepers per trip this week with fish to 7 pounds fishing the Highlands and the Jersey Shore. Sunday's trip saw 300 keepers up to 7½ pounds with Tony Pisano winning the pool with this fish. All week the winners have been in the 6 to 7-pound class.

On the **Flamingo III**, Capt. Bob says that the weakfish are the name of the game with 350 weakies coming aboard Sunday for a surprise trip. The fish went to 8 pounds with plenty of blues and some bass mixed in. He will be concentrating on the weaks for the next few trips to see what develops.



Richard Dolginko's 10¾-pound fluke was the talk of the shop this past week. Photo courtesy of Cross Bay Bait and Tackle in Howard Beach.

Nelaj, Peter and Fatmir for 30 weakies to 4 pounds on sandworms near the Marine Parkway Bridge. Fluking is still hot and snappers are very strong.

At **Pro Fishing Tackle** in **Flushing** news came of Joseph Fernandez getting a \$500 shopping spree on a Bluefishathon Tag. Other wise the fishing for blues, bass and snappers is taking place in Little Neck Bay, College Point and Black Bags. Fort Totten is also a hot area right now.

From **Bernie's Bait and Tackle** in **Sheepshead Bay** comes news that fluking is real hot on the channels edges. Buoy's 15, 17 and 19 are HOT! There are plenty of weaks in the Bennett Field area on sandworms 3 feet off the bottom. As long as the tide is moving and there is a drift the fishing will produce.

Over at **Sheepshead Bait and Tackle** the reports are of great fluke fishing on the channel edges as well. Inside Jamaica Bay is also a good spot for both fluke and weakfish. Snappers are every where and the porgies made a move on the Marine Parkway Bridge this week and Gerritsen Creek. Don't overlook the vicinity of Knapp St.

Raritan Bay To Brielle Report

By Russ Wilson

For Week Ending Sunday, 8/29/93

As we head into the final weekend of the summer tourist season, fluke and bluefish continue to dominate the inshore fishing scene. Glancing through this week's report we find the only major change was the appearance of weakfish along the northern area shallows and some bonito on the middle range lumps and ridges.

Raritan and Sandy Hook Bay and the

25 to 50 feet deep waters stretching from the oceanside of Sandy Hook to Manasquan Inlet remain the most often targeted areas among veteran fluke specialists and the Shrewsbury Rocks, Mud Dump, Ambrose Tower and 17 Fathoms continue to bear the brunt of pressure from party, charter and private boaters wanting to chum or diamond jig a bunch of bluefish.

So what else is new? Not much. We do hear of an occasional keeper sized striped bass and quite a few 14 inch plus fluke caught from the Monmouth County surf or off one of its many jetties and bluefish ranging into the teens are a possibility for the early morning and late evening crowd.

The only activities that have shown a major improvement are the snapper fishing and crabbing that's currently on tap in the tidal rivers and bays. Tackle shop owners and rental boat livery operators from throughout our calling area say this year's run of snappers is a dandy and most are quick to add that crabbing is about as good as it gets. A few also tell of sand porgies and weakfish adding variety.

HUDSON RIVER

Joe Keegan at **Ramsey Outdoor Sports** in Paramus said there hasn't

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Fisherman reader Michael Fasano caught this bonito at Buoy 11 while fishing on his dad's boat with his uncle Joseph on 7/28/93.

been much of a change from last week. The river is quiet in the Tappansee area but the George Washington to Verrazano Bridge section is giving up some schoolie bass and blues to bunker chunkers and fluke are providing similar sport for boaters. Locals planning a trip to the Connecticut side of the Sound should have similar opportunity with bass, blues and bonito.

Moe Mazzilli at **Moe's Bait and Tackle** in Jersey City confirmed the report of bass and blues around the bridges and also added a few spots of his own. According to Moe, find the bunker schools and the bass and blues won't be far away. Also holding up nicely is the fluke fishing that's on tap around Liberty State Park, Bayonne and on the Bay Ridge flats.

STATEN ISLAND

Porgy and snapper fishing is super in Great Kills Harbor and fluke continue to provide excitement for boaters drifting Old Orchard, West Bank and Hoffman and Swinburne Islands. So said Mike Savino at **Michael's Bait and Tackle** in Great Kills. Mike also touts early morning and late evening bunker chunking for big blues by the Great Kills bathouses.

Paul at **Great Kills Bait and Tackle** said the Harbor is giving up lots of big blueclaw crabs in addition to a ton of porgies and snapper blues and the surf is producing schoolie stripers as well as blues ranging into the teens.

Staten Island surfcasters wanting to get in on the early morning bluefish bonanza ought to try the Verrazano Bridge to Penny Beach shallows. Pat at **Scag's Bait and Tackle** said slammers to 14 pounds are eating bunker chunks in that area Snappers, porgies and blueclaw crabs are providing equally rewarding action along the bulkhead next to the Navy Base.

ELIZABETH

Captain Mike Buban on the **Bucky** called to report a weekend of super duper diamond jigging for weaks and blues. Saturday's trip to West Bank produced a load of 3 to 10-pound choppers plus 37 weakies. Sunday's action near Leonardo was even better, with 16 anglers loading up with blues and adding a total of 103 3 to 7-pound weakies.

SOUTH AMBOY

Dick Houseman at **Fred's Bait and Tackle** was on the horn to say there's been no let up in the super fluke fishing that's on tap in Raritan Bay and he had the names of successful anglers to prove it. South Amboy regulars, Charlie Koerner, Russ Anderson and Dean Kenny fished ther Staten Island side to put together a catch of 21 keeper fluke to a high of 5 pounds and topped the catch with 15 weakfish. Lynn Render, Bob Render and

George Witham had a catch of 15 keepers to a high of 9 pounds, 3.5 ounces while aboard the Irish Rover, and Kenneth Florcraft of Colonia weighed in a 5 pound, 14 ounce fluke that ate a squid and killie combo for its final meal.

KEYPORT

The results are official. Last week's fluke contest at **Keyport Marine Basin** produced a 7.84-pound first place winner for Nick Zanghi. Taking second with a 6.05 pounder was Joe Capalupo and finishing third with a 5.57 pounder was Frank Fierro. When asked for a couple of hot spots for catching bigger fluke, John didn't hesitate to recommend Old Orchard, Ambrose Channel and the Coney Island Flats. John also touts the snapper fishing and crabbing that's available in Keyport Harbor and Matawan Creek.

HAZLET

A couple of bragging sized fluke were weighed in at the **Tackle Box** last week, and as you might have already guessed, both were caught from the bay. Doug McPherson of New Brunswick weighed in a 9 pounder and Mark Tiner, Marty Fingers and Bob Middaugh of Union Beach stopped by to show a 10-pound doormat that topped off their limit of 18 keepers. Shop owner Phil Sciortino said fluke fishing is hot but was quick to add that it's not the only game in town. Cocktail blues are entertaining trollers, diamond jig specialists and chunk fishermen, porgies are frequenting the Keansburg Pier, schoolie

stripers are hanging around the Highlands bridge and weakfish ranging up to 8 pounds are inhaling sandworms fished at Flynn's Knoll on late evening tides.

North Shore Report

By Rich Johnson

For Week Ending Sunday, 8/29/93

Fishing on the North Shore is coming alive with big chopper blues storming the harbors and feeding on anything. Snappers are very strong while the bassing remains slow.

Porgies are on the menu and blackfish even came through on some trips.

WEST END

In Yonkers the word from J&A Sportsman Center is of good eel fishing in the Hudson River with some bass now returning to supply some action for local anglers. In the sound the porgies are doing well off City Island and where there are bunker there are bass and blues.

In City Island John over at Jack's Tackle reports that fluking is still good at Sands and Prospect Points and also at the Stepping Stones. Some limits have come from these areas and sand eel and killies are the baits of choice though not necessarily together.

Blues on the other hand slowed later in the week with all the boat traffic from the WICC Bluefish contest. As of this writing the shop had weighed some 16 pounders to put local anglers in contention.

The porgy action is heating up in the



Bob Contouris shows off his 8-pound tog caught on a killie with a fluke rig. Fish was weighed at and photo courtesy of Jack's Bait in City Island.

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Scott of J&A Sportsman Center in Yonkers is shown with a 125-pound mako taken earlier this spring. Photo courtesy of J&A Sportsman Center, Yonkers, NY.

was of bunker every where with blues on the prowl. Ray Doyle had a 13.5 pounder and Don Birch had a blue of 13 pounds while Eddie Szablewicz had a 6 pounder on Saturday.

Bass fishing is slow and any fish caught are shorts. Porgy action is picking up with worms the bait and chum a must around Sand's Point and Matinecock. Snappers are every where and harassing any bait-fish while supplying youngsters with plenty of action.

From Glen Cove Sport Shop John reports that Dosoris Pond is alive and kicking with bass to 37 inches being caught on fly rods this week by Styv and Virginia Pierpont. Friday morning this husband and wife team combined for four landings out of 8 fish on fly rods while the bass jumped all over the bunker and spearing that have made their way into the pond with snappers as well.

Hempstead Harbor is jam packed with bunker and blues to 10 pounds from Port Washington to Bar Beach and the entire area. Snappers are mixed in and also falling prey to marauding blues. Blues are also being trolled on umbrella rigs at Sands Point and Oak Point with bass mixed in on the outside.

The Glen Cove Children's Snapper Derby was held this past weekend and the final results were: Ages 6 to 10: Tom Snaith, first, Mike Liquori in second and Doug Malvino in third. For the Seniors age 11 to 16 the finishers went like this: First John Peppard, second Heidi McGuire and third went to Sara Yrnowski.

Bayville Sporting Goods reports that the WICC contest had several weigh in's there but no results yet. Bluefishing in the area is excellent!

Barbara Klein caught her first fish on her husband's boat "Beet's Workin'" off Lloyd's Neck and weighed in her bluefish

area around Rye and Matinecock with chum a good idea and worms the bait of choice. Striped bass in this area is very slow.

On the **Rip Tide III** Capt. Carl reports that the fishing was fair most of the week with Tuesday the best day. Five minutes from the dock saw fares catching blues to 17 pounds. The fluke trips were excellent this week with 360 keepers for 60 fares!

When the weather cooperates the fishing follows suit.

On the **Apache** Dominick reports that the porgy fishing is improving with some weakfish in the mix and blackfish. Sunday the porgy fishing was good with some stray fluke in the mixed bag. Worms and clams are the baits of choice.

Down in **Glen Cove** over at **Duffy's Bait and Tackle** the word from Diane

at 14 pounds. Carol Valderrama had her first fluke this week, a 7 pounder on a Spearing/squid combo off Plum Point near Center Island.

Fluking remains fairly strong in the area off the west side of Center Island in 8 to 10 feet of water. Also in Lloyd's Neck between Lloyd's Neck Causeway and Center Island.

Some keeper bass were reported but no names or weights were given and the porgies are very strong here with fish up to 2 pounds drifting worms.

From **Dancing Bear Charters** comes word that Capt. John Lowe placed second in the Kings Park Tournament. He also had fantastic fishing for big blues this week and is now starting a fly fishing trip for charter. Pete Stubbs had big choppers to 14 pounds and Art Skinner had a good fly rod trip for big blues earlier in the week.

MIDDLE ISLAND

George over at **Four Winds Tackle** reports that fluke are still very strong with some 6 pounders in the news. Brian and Eugene Warasila had 8 fish earlier this week with a 6.8 and a 4.4 in the mix. The next day they sailed for 4 more fluke to 5.25 pounds. They fished Sands Point while another angler caught a 6 pounder by Buoy 13.

Bass made the news with Tom Fazio nailing a 37-inch, 18 pounder on a chunk in the Eaton Neck Triangle. Steve Whitthumm had a 21 pounder on a chunk in Cold Spring Harbor.

On the bluefish scene with everyone trying for the money fish this past weekend some blues weighed in and possible contenders were Tony Lamitola with a 14.21 in North Port Bay, Scott Lisbert a 13.05 on a popper, Don Dziomba with a 13 pounder at Buoy 13 and Chris Mullaly with a 13.23 chopper.

On the **Capt. James** the reports were of a slow down in porgies and a switch



Erik Pettersen is shown with an unusual catch, a 48-inch needlefish caught on 7/10/93 at Democrat Point. Photo courtesy of J&H Sports Outlet in Deer Park.

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over to fluke for the time being... Gunther had 5 fluke to 6 pounds this week. Joe Lynch had his first keeper bass, a 22 pounder also this week.

From **Sound Charters** the report was of excellent bass fishing with Bob Smith, Amy and Steve catching 40 porgies to 2½ pounds with a 3-pound blackfish. On Saturday Dennis Cataldo had 7 bass to 16 pounds and blues to 13 pounds. They are

getting 12 to 15 bass per trip. Earlier in the week Warren Olsen and friends had bass to 20 pounds and blues to 12 pounds.

From Eileen at **Greenlawn Sport Shop** in Greenlawn comes word of fluke at the tip of Eaton's Neck Channel and Leo Martinez had a 5-pound blue from the beach. Porgies are off Centerport beach on worms and clams.

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Sport Shop Tom reports that lots of big fish are in the harbors chasing bunker and also falling for tubes at 11B. There was a 4-pound fluke caught off the town dock just before dark on Tuesday. There are 30 to 35-inch bass coming from the Coast Guard Station rocks to the Lilco Channel on chunks. Crab Meadow and Crab Meadow Creek are also yielding bass on chunks. Fluke are still holding in the rips south of Buoy 13 on bucktails and pork rind.

In **Port Jefferson**, Candy at **Caraftis Fishing Station** reports that porgy fishing is excellent with good size fish off Old Field Point and Crane's Neck on worms and chum. Blues are inside the harbor on bunker and by Buoy 11 trolling and blues are off the beach up to 12 pounds. Some

fluke remain in the harbor with keepers in the mix on killies and spearing/squid combos.

On the **Prowler** the word was of good bluefishing this week with 31 fares all getting limits on fish to 14 pounds.

From **Morning Star Charters** the report was John and Terry Saporito and friends catching blues and porgies with some fluke on Thursday. Saturday and Sunday the Scotty's Refrigeration and Heating Company sailed for blues to 11.5 pounds. They had 40 fish all together.

NORTHFORK

From the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** comes word that Gene Kazanecki had 4 blues to 14.5 pounds on chunks west of



This 48-pound cow was taken from the Sluiceway on the North Fork by Joe Argervino. Photo courtesy of A.P. White's in Greenport.

the Iron Pier from the beach on Thursday. Metal Lipped Larry's Lures were the key to success. Blues are also west of Port Jeff Inlet and at Old Field Point.

There are snappers every where with small blues chasing them with some anglers using snappers for bait on the blues. There are some small bass for those who want to work hard for them. Porgies are in good numbers on the Middle Grounds.

From **Warren's Tackle** in **Aquebogue** comes word that J.P. Signorelli had a 28-pound bass on a chunk in Orient Point from the surf this week. Snapper fishing is excellent and the porgies are steady but the weaks are strong at Rose's Grove with many limits for those fishing there on Hi/Lo rigs.

At **Ralph's Fishing Station** in **Mt. Sinai** comes news that the weakfishing is excellent with many fishermen getting their limits. Blues to 14 pounds are in 55 feet of water on chunks and porgies are off Old Field and Miller Place.

At **Capt. Marty's Fishing Station** in **New Suffolk**, Phil says that George Hamilton had 80 porgies on Saturday fishing Rogers Rock. Weaks are off Rose's Grove falling for squid and porgies are at Buoy 18 on worms.

In **Greenport** at **A.P. White's Bait and Tackle**, Ruth reports that fluking had dropped off considerably but blackfishing is picking up on the rocks. Porgies are at Petty's Bight to the Soundview Motel with worms the number one bait and clams a distant second.

Snappers are in the bays and at the Railroad Pier. Some keeper fluke were caught at the RR Pier on 3/4-ounce bucktails. Bassing is very slow but bluefishing is very good in the Race and Pidgeons Rip but slower in the Gut.

From the **Brand X** comes word that Larry McCall had a high hook of 103 porgies this week. There are sea bass and some keeper fluke in the mix now as well. On Saturday Herman had 15 double-headers and the action is improving.

On the **Peconic Star** the report was of Steven Yap with 86 porgies on Sunday. The fishing was tough on Saturday but excellent on Friday. All the porgies caught are around the 1½-pound mark and the action is steady.

In **Orient Point** on the **Nan Sea** the fishing was good this week with the Northport Fishing Club sailing for 3 keeper bass in the daytime on jigs with tons of blues to go along.

On Thursday, Harvey Holmes sailed offshore for 37 dolphin to 12 pounds and 2 longfin. On Friday Dave Angelson had 8 weakfish and 20 bluefish with the weaks coming from the Peconics and running to 3 pounds.

Saturday's trip saw Bob Newman with all the blues he could handle and a legal bass. On Sunday the Star House Fire Department had 80 blues and a 40-pound bass for Greg Rieshe.

Connecticut Coastal Report

By Dick Alley

For Week Ending Sunday, 8/29/93

GREENWICH

This week's report from Eckard at **Rudy's Tackle Barn** told us that blues made a comeback late in the week, chopping up bunkers near the mooring just outside Portchester Harbor. Bonito are mixed for an encore. Richie Nastro came in from a busy day of bluefishing, highlighted by a 6½-pound bonito. Daniel Stangerone from Hawthorne, NY caught and released a 39-inch, 27-pound striper on a live bunker off Playland. Aquasport Al and son Albert sneaked in a day of fishing and came back with 67 porgies, also caught off Rye, Ny. Porgy fishing is excellent off Jones Light, and near the #2 buoy at Captains Island and close to buoy #36. Snapper fishing gets better every day. They're under the I-95 bridge and off the Mill St. Bridge too. Boaters are loading up inside Portchester Harbor near the bug light and also near the Byram Point breakwater; Shell Island is another hot spot. Fluke fishing has subsided a bit with only a couple of keepers in the past couple of days.

The report from the **Sportsman's Den of Greenwich** tells us fishing has been good and blues were active outside the mouth of Cos Cob harbor prior to the weekend. Big doings over the weekend with the WICC Contest and we'll pass along any winners as soon as we get them.

STAMFORD

Carl at **Salvatore's Bait & Tackle** told of lots of blues being brought in but mostly on the small side. Buoy 32A produced lots of fish and bigger ones inside the river. Burt Pagan had a 14-plus-pound fish in Stamford Harbor. Lauren Brodie, age 9, first trip ever had a 12-pound blue

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on a chunk for her first bluefish ever. William Brill had a 36-inch bass in the Norwalk Islands. Jackson & Co. have been catching loads of porgies every day. Fluke saw the pressure relaxed this week as everybody went chasing blues. Leo Boyne had three blues to 12 pounds in Stamford Harbor. Craig Morrell had a 13-plus blue on Sunday. Snappers are loads and loads and easy to catch.

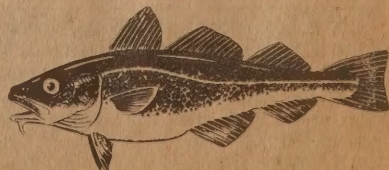
NORWALK

Nick reported from **Fisherman's World** and blues have been very active in Wilson's Cove in early mornings, and some light action has been happening in the harbor at night. Daytime action has been at buoy 28C, 11B and Budd's Reef. Striped bass have been active despite the water temperature. Larry Flynn had a bass weighing 28 pounds, 6 ounces on a chunk bait in the Islands. Anthony Pignataro had a 39-inch bass weighing 21 pounds off the sand bar at Cal Pasture also on a chunk bait. Both chunks and sandworms pay off for bass. Fluke action at buoy 13 has slowed, but Peck's Ledge and Middle Passage produced flatties to 5 pounds during the week. Porgies are at Great Reef, Can 1 and buoy 26A, but chum like crazy with clam chum. Snapper blues are in every cove, dock, harbor and creek and Kastmasters, Snapper Poppers and shiner baits all work well.

This week's report from **Hiller Brothers Hunting & Fishing** was of good fishing. Bluefish have been great at buoy 28C. Paul had fish close to 14 pounds. A \$500 Bluefishathon shopping spree will be taking place on Monday. Charles Link of Charlestown, RI caught his tagged bluefish in his own state waters, and it bore the Hiller Brothers tag. Porgies are hitting really good. Snappers are growing fast and feeding actively. Fluke also improved over the week.

FAIRFIELD

Chuck reported from **The Fish'n Hole** and bluefishing picked up just in time for the WICC Tournament. The mouths of Black Rock and Bridgeport Harbors have been active late in the week, and Southport Harbor is getting the consistency of old. Terry Fazekas had half a dozen blues to 15 pounds off Penfield. Porgies are also continuing to be very strong. Hot spots are Pecks Ledge in Norwalk, and the Bridgeport breakwater has been a good spot. A few were taken off Penfield too. Fluke have also been good at Pecks Ledge and the Bridgeport breakwater. Ernie Gagnon and son had 13 keepers to 2½ pounds. Ed Sabo continues to score on porgies off Penfield, and Anderson Bish continues to bring lots of fish in. Bass are showing up in good numbers, especially for night fishermen. Some bunker have been showing up and sand eel schools are frequent.



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Surf Report

By Fred Golofaro

For Week Ending Sunday, 8/29/93

The effort is still lacking, but now that the calendar says September, I expect a lot of casters will begin stirring from their summer slumber. Always the eternal optimist, I would be very surprised if we don't have some semblance of a mullet run before the month is out. I have never seen the amount of mullet around in the back bays that we have now - the big question is do we have enough resident fish in the bays and inlets to take advantage of this windfall? In the meantime, pack some blue plugs into your bag and keep an eye tuned to that first good no-r-easter, though even a good cold snap should stir some action.

Things remain pretty quiet out at the Point, although there was some action near the end of the week. According to Mike at **Freddie's**, some school bass to 30 inches fell to casters under the bluff just north of the light on Friday night. The same area saw a few blues taken on Saturday morning. Worm dunkers managed some school bass on Saturday night between Shagwong Point and Clarks Cove. Paul Clark managed a 20 pounder.

John Mantione at **J&J Tackle in Patchogue** reported some life in the Shinnecock and Moriches surf this week. Also up on the North Shore in the Stony Brook area. John Munz and Mike O'Hea have been working the latter area for blues to 14.4 pounds. Eels are taking the bigger fish, while plugs work fine on the smaller choppers. Scott Smith worked Shinnecock East on the weekend. Saturday morning produced 10 bass to 10 pounds and Sunday produced several more to 14 pounds. Tins and Super Strike Little Neck Poppers took the fish. John Moore worked Smith Point several times during the week with bunker chunks. He reported a steady pick of mid-size blues near Cut #1. John asked us to let casters know that the shop has set up a special package for those looking to spend some time in Montauk this fall. For \$86, you get 2 nights/3 days, one dinner and one breakfast, along with a half-day trip aboard an open boat. The rest of the time not spent eating, sleeping or on the boat should be spent on the beach. If you're looking to do a weekend gig, the price is still an unbelievable \$99.

Over at **Captree Bait & Tackle**, Pete reported that Ralph McDonald used tins to take a bunch of small blues at Demo Thursday evening. Later, sandworms accounted for a number of bass, including a 22 pounder. Early in the week, there was some action with 4 to 5 pound weaks and kingfish to 3 pounds on sandworms along Gilgo.

Mark your calendars now for a pair of surf fishing contests sponsored by the Fisherman and Long Island State Parks. The South Shore Surf Classic (Captree) will be held October 15-17, the Montauk

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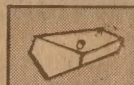
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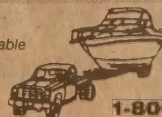
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FRIDAY	9:50	10:05	10:35	10:45	11:25	11:45	1:25	1:20	1:00	1:15	9:50	10:05	9/3
SATURDAY	10:25	10:40	11:10	11:20	—	12:05	1:35	1:40	1:35	1:55	10:25	10:45	9/4
SUNDAY	11:00	11:15	11:45	11:45	12:20	12:40	2:05	2:15	2:10	2:30	11:05	11:20	9/5
MONDAY	11:35	11:55	—	12:15	1:00	1:20	2:35	2:50	2:50	3:10	11:50	—	9/6
TUESDAY	—	12:20	12:20	12:50	1:45	2:05	3:20	3:35	3:35	3:55	12:05	12:35	9/7
WEDNESDAY	12:40	1:05	1:05	1:40	2:40	3:00	4:05	4:25	4:25	4:45	12:55	1:30	9/8
THURSDAY	1:35	2:00	1:55	2:35	3:30	3:55	5:00	5:20	5:15	5:40	1:55	2:30	9/9
FRIDAY	2:40	3:05	3:00	3:40	4:45	5:00	6:00	6:20	6:15	6:45	3:00	3:30	9/10
SATURDAY	3:50	4:15	4:20	4:50	5:45	6:00	7:05	7:20	7:20	7:40	4:00	4:30	9/11
SUNDAY	5:00	5:20	5:35	5:55	6:35	6:55	8:10	8:30	8:15	8:40	4:55	5:25	9/12

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Shark River Inlet	-0 18
Manasquan Inlet	-0 12
Toms River	+4 37
Barnegat Light	-0 20
Shinnecock Inlet	-0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
Moriches Inlet	-0 56
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Mastic Beach	+3 28
Fire Island Inlet	-0 38
Coast Guard Station	-0 19
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Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
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Rockaway Inlet	0 00
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Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
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Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
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SAT. 9/4	6:30	7:27
SUN. 9/5	6:31	7:26
MON. 9/6	6:32	7:24
TUE. 9/7	6:33	7:22
WED. 9/8	6:34	7:20
THU. 9/9	6:35	7:19

Moonrise Set

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/2	7:50AM	7:55AM
FRI. 9/3	8:15PM	8:50AM
SAT. 9/4	8:45PM	9:50AM
SUN. 9/5	9:15PM	10:45AM
MON. 9/6	9:50PM	11:45AM
TUE. 9/7	10:30PM	12:40PM
WED. 9/8	11:20PM	1:40PM
THU. 9/9	12:15AM	2:30PM

Moon Phases

New	1st Qtr	Full	Last Qtr
			
9/16	9/22	9/1	9/9

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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when fish should be most active.

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	AM	PM
	Minor	Major
THU. 6:10	—	6:35 12:25
FRI. 7:00	12:45	7:25 1:10
SAT. 7:45	1:35	8:10 1:55
SUN. 8:25	2:15	9:00 2:45
MON. 9:20	3:10	9:45 3:30
TUE. 10:10	4:00	10:40 4:25
WED. 11:00	4:50	11:30 5:15
THU. 11:55	5:50	— 6:10

Current Tables

Times Given Are For High Water Slack

ON THE NARROWS

DAY	AM	PM	Date
THURSDAY	11:20	11:35	9/2
FRIDAY	—	12:00	9/3
SATURDAY	12:15	12:45	9/4
SUNDAY	12:55	1:25	9/5
MONDAY	1:35	2:10	9/6
TUESDAY	2:20	2:55	9/7
WEDNESDAY	3:05	3:50	9/8
THURSDAY	4:00	4:45	9/9

Sandy Hook	-1 50
Ambrose Channel	-0 25
Rockaway Inlet	-1 33
E Rockaway Inlet	-1 03
Jones Inlet	-0 48
Fire Island Inlet	+0 29
Shinnecock Inlet	-0 30

ON THE RACE

DAY	AM	PM	Date
THURSDAY	12:40	1:00	9/2
FRIDAY	1:15	1:35	9/3
SATURDAY	1:55	2:10	9/4
SUNDAY	2:30	2:45	9/5
MONDAY	3:10	3:30	9/6
TUESDAY	3:55	4:15	9/7
WEDNESDAY	4:45	5:05	9/8
THURSDAY	5:45	6:05	9/9

Montauk Point	-1 10
Plum Gut	-1 01
Mattituck Inlet	-0 08
Crane Neck Point	-1 38
Eatons Neck	-0 05
Lloyd Point	+1 20
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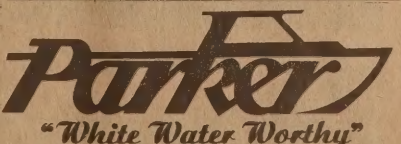
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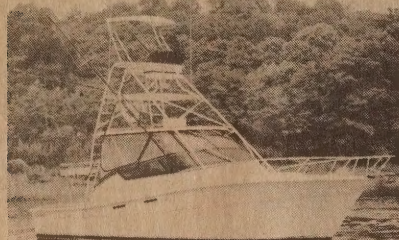
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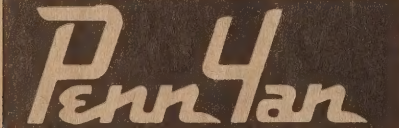
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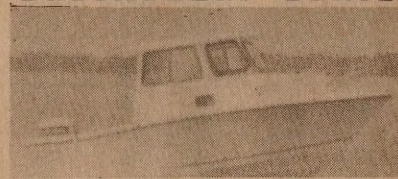
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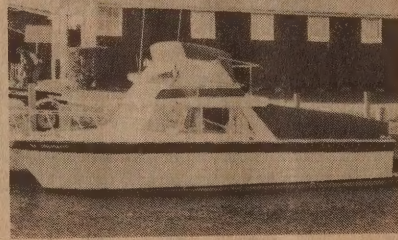
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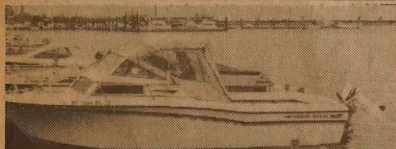
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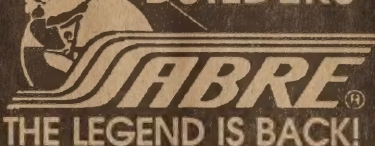
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Freshwater Report

By Tom Schlichter

For Week Ending Sunday, 8/29/93

It was another relatively quiet week on the freshwater front with hot weather keeping a lid on the fishing in most areas. As one might expect, evening and early morning has been the best bet for action.

At **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle** in Lynbrook, Bill Beckmann told us he knew of a few good bass taken over at Smiths Pond during the week. At least two fish were in the 4 to 5-pound class and several others were well over the legal limit of 12 inches. Small Rapalas worked carefully through pockets between the weeds during early evening hours were responsible for the two biggest. At least one decent pickerel was caught and released at this lake as well. Out east on the Connetquot, one angler stopping by the shop spoke of landing trout of 7 and 5 pounds on Monday while working Mayfly patterns.

Over at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh, Bobby Turtorello told us he hated to sound like a broken record but action in this area has been slow. A few bass and panfish are coming from the Twin Ponds, and an occasional carp from Wantagh Mill Pond, but that's about it for

now. Bass action has been best on live killies. Most of the local youth are turned onto snappers at this point.

Down the road at **Garan's Sport Shop**, Chris knew that Mike Fenech nailed largemouths of 2 and 3 pounds while working plastic worms over at Patchogue Lake during the week. Locally, things have been quiet due to lack of fishing effort.

At **J&R Sports Center** in Oakdale, Phil Briggs spoke of light fishing pressure but did pass along word that sunnies are biting in force at Argyle Lake and some pretty nice trout were making their way upriver past beats 7, 8, and 9 inside Connetquot River State Park. Over at Bubbles Falls, however, fishing has been slow. At Rattlesnake Creek, no one knows how good the fishing can be as there have been too many canoes on the water for fishermen to make an honest evaluation. Most interesting catch of the week was a "powerful" 4-pound Pacu taken from Artist Lake over the weekend by a very surprised bait fisherman.

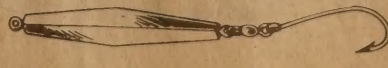
At **J&J Sports** in Patchogue, John informed us that John Moore picked several nice trout on Egg-Sucking Leaches from beat #12 at Connetquot during an early morning shift back at mid-week. On the warm water side, there has been plenty of action with bass, pickerel and panfish on nightcrawlers and plastic worms at Patchogue Lake. No real lunkers this week but enough nice fish to make the effort well worthwhile.

Out at the **Fisherman's Deli** in Riverhead, George Devlin spoke of slow going early in the week but felt the fishing was starting to rebound by the weekend. Thursday night saw the fish turn on

around 7:00 p.m. and that's been the rule since. George noted that sunnies are in the moss a good cast off the bank. Just outside the moss, on the deep side, the bass lie in wait for any sunfish to make a mistake and venture out of the weeds. Thus, George suggests you row into the moss and cast out to the edge that borders the open water. Either live shiners or topwater plugs will get you a couple of rounds with the bigmouths that are waiting in ambush. For flyfishermen, the Devil Bug deer hair mouse has been very effective. For spinfishermen, a 3/8th or 5/8 black Jitterbug or Bill Norman Weed Walker will do the trick. Either should be worked with a stop-and-go motion.

On the **Fisherman Hotline**, Jack Coffee gave us a call. He recently called in a bass report and told us the length of a fish he had decked, but wasn't sure of the wait. Wanting to find out how to best "guesstimate" a bass' weight, he spoke with Fisherman Assistant Editor Rich Johnson, who passed along the following formula: (Length x girth) squared, divided by 800 will give you an estimated weight for largemouth bass. Using this formula, Jack's fish would have checked in at 5.96 lbs.

Lastly, I got out on a lunch break trip to Lower Yaphank Lake in Friday's hot sun with buddies Tom Healy and Ken Eddy. I managed a 10-inch bass on a purple plastic worm while Ken duped a bass that looked to be every bit of 18 inches. Both fish were released. Ken's fish fell for a blue worm worked from a cute, pink pole that he borrowed from Tom's daughter.



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